

## **Bowel Screening Program**

Bowel Cancer is the third most common cancer in Scotland after lung and breast cancer. Every year, almost 4000 people are diagnosed with the disease. The Scottish Bowel Screening Programme invites all men and women between the ages of 50-74 for screening every two years who are registered with a GP.

Screening aims to find bowel cancer at an early stage in people with no symptoms. If bowel cancer is detected early through screening there is a 90% chance of treating the disease successfully. We strongly urge all eligible patients to take the test.

If screening is negative it does not mean you definitely do not have cancer. Please see your GP if you have any abnormal symptoms such as bleeding from your bottom or with your stools, recent persistent change in bowel habit, abdominal pain, weight loss or pallor.

For more information about bowel screening and the screening test go to:

<http://www.bowelscreening.scot.nhs.uk>

You can download the leaflet about bowel screening at

<http://www.nhsinform.sco.uk/screening.bowel>

and to request a bowel screening kit phone 0800 0121833 (free call)