



Dear Madam, Dear Sir

We invite you to join the Bevolkingsonderzoek Dikgedarmkanker (Bowel Cancer Screening Programme) for men and women aged 50 to 74. A stool sample is collected and tested for faecal occult blood, which may indicate the presence of polyps or bowel cancer. It is up to you to decide whether or not to join this programme, but the sooner cancer is detected, the better the chances of full recovery and the less heavy the treatment. Bowel screening is free of charge.

How to join this programme?

You will receive a bubble envelope containing a sampling kit, instructions for use and a leaflet with detailed information. You will find an application form overleaf. Make sure to check the expiry date on your stool sample kit and order a new kit for free if necessary.

The instructions will tell you what steps to follow in order to join the programme.

Would you like more information on this programme?

- Please read the enclosed leaflet.

Do you have personal questions or are you not sure whether to join this programme?

- Contact your **general practitioner**.
- Visit www.bevolkingsonderzoek.be

You want to opt out of this programme?

- Visit www.bevolkingsonderzoek.be/dikgedarmkanker/nietdeelnemen.
Enter your personal code.
- Call the freephone number **0800 60 160**. Dial your postal code and you will be redirected to our help desk.
- Do not return an unused sampling kit. It cannot be reused for hygienic reasons.

Kind regards,

Dr. Patrick Martens

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