Prevention is a simple step

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Colorectal cancer screening

What is it?

It is a free programme to help prevent bowel (colorectal) cancer. The colon is the part of the bowel that stools pass through. The colon leads to the rectum, which opens to the outside of the body through the anus. Growths called polyps can develop in this part of the bowel. Over time, they may grow and develop into cancer. The screening programme supports you from the moment you accept your invitation through to diagnosis and, if needed, treatment of any abnormality found.

The entire screening pathway is covered by the Regional Health Service.
You do not need a doctor's referral.

Who is it for?

Women and men aged 50 to 74 who are resident or domiciled in the Veneto region.

How often?

Every two years, with a test that checks a stool sample for traces of blood too small to see with the naked eye

How does it work?

The test checks for hidden blood in your stools. Take your invitation to a participating pharmacy listed in the letter and collect a sample tube. Collect a small stool sample at home and return the sample tube to the pharmacy.

The screening pathway

- You will receive an invitation by post and in your Electronic Health Record.
- ***If your test result is negative,*** your local health authority (ULSS) will notify you. You will receive another invitation when your next screening is due.
- ***If your test result is positive,*** your local health authority (ULSS) will contact you and invite you for a further examination: a colonoscopy performed under sedation.

A positive test result does not mean you have cancer or a precancerous abnormality. It means further tests are needed. That's why it's important to have any further tests you are offered

Why have colorectal cancer screening?

Screening can detect abnormal changes before they develop into cancer, or find cancers while they are still small. Finding them early can make treatment easier, reduce its impact and improve the chances of recovery.

TAKING PART IN CANCER SCREENING IS A SIMPLE STEP

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT:

Contact your local health authority (ULSS) through the **regional website**

Or visit your Electronic Health Record

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