

## **Bowel Screening Program**

Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in Scotland after lung and breast cancer. The Scottish Bowel Screening Programme invites all men and women between the ages of 50-74 for screening every two years.

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.

At Roslin Medical Practice we have had several cases of bowel cancer in the last few months which were picked up through these screening tests. We strongly urge all eligible patients to take the test.

If the screening test 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.