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«\_SO\_PLAATS», «\_DATUM\_VANDAAG»  
Subject: your bowel cancer screening results

Date of birth:  
«\_CLIENT\_GEBOORTEDATUM»  
Citizen Service Number (BSN):  
«\_CLIENT\_BSN»

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You have recently taken part in the national bowel cancer screening programme.

## What are your results?

Blood has been found in your stool.

## What does this mean?

Blood in the stool does not necessarily mean that you have bowel cancer. It may be due to bowel cancer or polyps, but there are a number of other possible causes. This is not yet known. To find out if you have bowel cancer or polyps, you need to go to hospital for further examination. It is up to you to decide whether you want to have this examination.

## What does the further examination involve?

The further examination consists of an internal surveillance examination, also known as a colonoscopy. You can read more about it in the enclosed leaflet 'If blood is found in your stool'. To see if a colonoscopy is appropriate and/or possible in your case, you will first be invited to an intake interview at the hospital. During the interview, you will be given more details about the examination. You will also make the appointment for the colonoscopy.

## What is the next step?

We have made the following appointment for your intake interview:

**Date:** «\_DATUM\_INTAKE»

**Time:** «\_TIJDSTIP\_INTAKE»

**Location:** «\_IL\_NAAM», «\_IL\_STRAATNAAM» «\_IL\_HUISNUMMER\_TOEV», «\_IL\_POSTCODE»  
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## What do you need to bring with you to the hospital for the intake interview?

- a valid ID (passport, driving licence, ID card)
- your insurance details
- if you have already attended this hospital: your patient ID
- your medications or a list of the medications you are taking

**Do you want to change your appointment?**

Do you want to cancel or reschedule the appointment, or would you prefer to go to another hospital? If so, please let us know at least two working days before the scheduled appointment. You can do this in two ways:

- by calling the «\_SO\_NAAM» information line on «SO\_TEL» (Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 17.00).
- using the «\_SO\_NAAM» client portal. Go to «\_SO\_WEBSITEADRES" and click the 'My screening' button. To log in, you need your DigiD.

**Contacting your GP**

For the colonoscopy, relevant information about your medical history can be important. We therefore encourage you to contact your GP, if you have not already done so. You can then discuss what information you need to provide for the intake interview.

You can also consult your GP if you have any other questions about the results of your screening. Your GP has been informed of the results of your screening, unless you previously stated that you did not want your GP to be notified.

**Cost**

Participation in the screening programme is free. The further examination (intake interview and colonoscopy) is not part of the screening programme. Your health insurance company will pay the costs of the further examination. Depending on the size of your health insurance excess, you may have to meet part of the cost yourself. If you have any questions about this, you should discuss them with your health insurance company. It is possible that your health insurance company may not have a contract with the colonoscopy centre to which we refer you. You can check with your health insurance company. If you visit a colonoscopy centre that your insurer does not have a contract with, this may mean that you have to pay part of the cost of the intake interview and the colonoscopy in addition to your health insurance excess. It is possible to change to the appointment to another colonoscopy centre. See the section called 'Do you want to change your appointment?' for further details.

**Do you have questions about the screening programme?**

If you have any questions, you can call the «\_SO\_NAAM» information line on «SO\_TEL» (Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 17.00).

The website [www.bevolkingsonderzoekdarmkanker.nl](http://www.bevolkingsonderzoekdarmkanker.nl) also contains more information, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of «\_SO\_NAAM»

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Regional coordinating gastroenterologist

Enclosed: leaflet 'If blood is found in your stool'.