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

What was the result?
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 follow-up examination.

What does the follow-up examination involve?
The follow-up 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.

What is the next step?
We have made the following appointment for your intake interview:

Date: _DATUM_INTAKE
Time: _TIJDSTIP_INTAKE hr
Place: _IL_NAAM, _IL_STRAATNAAM _IL_HUISNUMMER_TOEV, _IL_POSTCODE _IL_PLAATS
_IL_LOKATIE
What do you need to bring with you to the hospital for the intake interview?

- this letter
- a letter from the GP containing medical history (if applicable)
- a valid form of identification (passport, driving licence, or ID card)
- your insurance details
- if you have previously been to this hospital: your medical ID card or patient ID card
- your medications or a list of the medications you are taking

Is this your first visit to this hospital? If so, please register at the patient registration desk prior to your intake interview.

Discuss with your GP which medical details you will have to bring to the intake interview. This involves information about your medication and medical history. Your GP is also available to discuss any other questions about the results and the screening programme.

Do you want to change your appointment?
During the scheduling of the intake interview, we have tried to take into account a reasonable travel distance and the availability of the hospital. 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 information line _SO_NAAM_, telephone number _SO_TEL_ (Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- Via the website _SO_NAAM_. Go to _SO_WEBSITEADRES_ and click the button ‘Mijn bevolkingsonderzoekdarmkanker’. To log in, you need your DigiD.

Costs
The follow-up examination (intake interview and colonoscopy) is not part of the screening. Your health insurance will reimburse the costs of this examination. You may be obliged to pay the costs, or a part of them, yourself. This depends on your excess amount and how much you have already used of this. For questions about this, please contact your health care insurer.
It is possible that your health insurance company may not have a contract with the colonoscopy centre to which we are referring you. In that case, your health care insurer will not reimburse all costs. Please check with your health care provider before you go to your appointment.
It is possible to change 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_, telephone number _SO_TEL_ (Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
The website www.bevolkingsonderzoekdarmkanker.nl also contains more information, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions. This website also contains the video ‘from self-sampling test to colonoscopy’.

Kind regards,
on behalf of _SO_NAAM_,

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Appendix: leaflet ‘If your stool has been found to contain blood’