

Welcome to the Lakes District Health Board (DHB) National Bowel Screening Programme (NBSP) Primary Care newsletter.



Lakes DHB reached its NBSP 3-year milestone last month. Reflecting on this time we have enjoyed several highlights, for example our recent DAA audit which resulted in only three minor corrective actions and supported work that the team has done to ensure the success of the programme.

We have developed an Endoscopy specific drug chart which aligns with National Medication charts and enables us to comply easily with standing order guidelines and gives us ability to have endoscopy specific drugs already printed on the drug chart. This was a collaboration with Endoscopy, Pharmacy, and the medication management committee at Lakes DHB.

Dr Raj Patel Gastroenterologist joined Lakes DHB from the UK which has increased our overall work force and now chairs our Endoscopy User Group meeting.

Since our programme inception we have also worked through some challenges, of course, one of the biggest being COVID19. As we know, the pandemic continues to place demands on primary and secondary care across the sector, both locally and nationally.

During Level 4 lockdown the Ministry of Health guidelines required that DHBs temporarily park NBSP

colonoscopies, however with Aotearoa now operating under the traffic light protection framework we are back to conducting colonoscopies as normal.

On the positive side, COVID19 has provided the opportunity to undertake bowel screening promotion alongside COVID19 vaccinations allowing us to continue championing bowel screening participation and equity in our region.

We thank you for your contribution and efforts in the programme over the past 3 years and we look forward to working together to achieve future milestones.

Ngā mihi nui,

Greg Vandergoot, Lakes DHB, Service Manager, Surgical and Elective Services

Lisa Hughes, Lakes DHB GP Liaison

How are we going?

Lakes DHB National Bowel Screening Programme - volumes from go live February 2019 to 28th February 2022

Number invited

26,382

Kits returned

15,049

Positive results

727

NBSP colonoscopies
undertaken

551

Cancers found from the
Lakes DHB NBSP

46

Meet Mr David Vernon, Lakes DHB NBSP, Clinical Lead

David is a General Surgeon at Rotorua Hospital and has been the NBSP Clinical Lead since go live in February 2019. He holds clinical responsibility for the NBSP at Lakes DHB which includes supporting the Clinical Nurse Coordinator NBSP, NBSP clinical administration, performing NBSP colonoscopies and patient follow up as required.

Part of David's role is to ascertain participant suitability for colonoscopy. David says "GPs do a great job, it's great to have their support and to receive comprehensive positive FIT referrals that help me make decisions in the best interest of the patient".

David says one of the best things about his role is "finding an early cancer which we can then treat early. We see the patient return to their normality again with much less invasion and impact on their life".



David can be contacted at david.vernon@lakesdhb.govt.nz however, for specific patient queries or general NBSP programme questions please contact Sarah Doyle, Lakes DHB Clinical Nurse Coordinator at sarah.doyle@lakesdhb.govt.nz or 027 276 9837.



NBSP Top Tips

BPAC positive FIT e-referral 'Urgency' drop down box

Across the Te Manawa Taki region, from the end of March, the positive FIT e-referral urgency box will default to 'semi urgent' to align with the Ministry of Health KPI to undertake NBSP colonoscopies within 45 days. The default setting may also save time and confusion for primary care. See screen shot below.

Conversation with positive FIT patients

During your conversation with patients who have returned a positive FIT please advise them to expect a phone call from the Lakes DHB Clinical Nurse Coordinator who will undertake a colonoscopy pre-assessment. She will also advise when the participants colonoscopy will be scheduled.

Referral Details	Patient Details	Specialty	Clinical Details	Investigations	Referrer Details
Referral To					
Refer To	Lakes DHB National Bowel Screening Programme Positive FIT				
Urgency	Semi-Urgent ▼				
Re:					



How can you get in touch?

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Further information on the NBSP can be found on the Ministry of Health website www.timetoscreen.nz or by calling the NBSP National Coordination Centre on 0800 924 432.