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## INFORMATION ON COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

People between the ages of 45 and 75 can participate free of charge in the colorectal cancer screening program of the Austrian Health Insurance Fund (ÖGK). There are two options:

- Colonoscopy every 10 years
- Stool test (F.I.T.) every 2 years

To participate in the colorectal cancer screening program, please complete the project participation and consent form. Choose either a colonoscopy or a stool test and sign the participation form. The project participation and consent form can be returned to ÖGK free of charge using the enclosed return envelope. To participate digitally, please scan the QR code and complete the online form.

What you need to do

- If you choose a colonoscopy, please make an appointment with a specialist physician (list of specialists). Please inform the medical practice that you have received an invitation letter to participate in the pilot project.
- If you choose the stool test, it can be collected directly from ÖGK or ordered using the QR code. If ordered, the stool test kit will be delivered to your home by mail.

## COVER LETTER FOR THE STOOL TEST

Dear Participant,

Thank you for registering for the colorectal cancer screening program.

As requested, you are receiving your stool test (FIT – Fecal Immunochemical Test) with this letter for the detection of blood in the stool.

Please perform the test carefully according to the enclosed instructions. After collecting the sample, please return the test to the laboratory as soon as possible using the enclosed prepaid return envelope. Alternatively, you may deliver the sample directly to the Austrian Health Insurance Fund laboratory.

Your test result will be sent to you by mail. If the result is abnormal (positive) and further examinations are required, all relevant information will be provided in your report.

**“A strong gut feeling leads to strong decisions.”**

Your participation in colorectal cancer screening is an important contribution to your health. If you have any questions regarding the procedure, please contact the service hotline or send an email.

Kind regards,

**The Styria Colorectal Cancer Screening Team**