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INVITATION TO OCCULT BLOOD SCREENING

Date of birth,
Bologna,

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Local Health Authority of Bologna invites you to perform **faecal occult blood screening** to participate in the Screening Program for the prevention of colorectal cancer.

**We cordially invite you to take this opportunity which we recommend,
to proactively take care of your health for the future**

To accept the invitation:

- ✓ **SHOW UP with your HEALTH CARD and an IDENTITY DOCUMENT (TESSERA SANITARIA)** at a pharmacy, where you will be given a stool sample collection tube;
- ✓ Collect the sample **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, paying attention to the EXPIRY DATE shown on the tube**, and following the **INSTRUCTIONS** that you will find attached.
If the tube has expired, do not use it and ask for ANOTHER one at the pharmacy;
- ✓ The sample can be stored in the refrigerator for a maximum of 48 hours;
- ✓ Return the sample **TO THE PHARMACY;**
- ✓ The list of pharmacies participating in the Screening Program can be found at the following website link:
<https://www.ausl.bologna.it/>
- ✓ The test is **free** as well as any subsequent investigations;
- ✓ **Please, follow the current COVID-19 prevention indications.**

The result of the test will be communicated to you on the Electronic Health Record (**Fascicolo Sanitario Elettronico**) and possibly by letter to your home. If further investigations are required, you will receive a phone call from the healthcare staff at the Screening Centre.

The information on the processing of personal data is available on the website www.ausl.bologna.it in the section dedicated to Oncology Screenings.

For any questions or for further information, please contact us:

- ✓ By calling the TOLL FREE-PHONE NUMBER **800-314858** from Monday to Friday 10 – 14
- ✓ By contacting the Screening Centre using the form available at the link:
<https://www.ausl.bologna.it/form/com/ccs>

Kind regards

The Health Director of the Bologna Local Health Authority

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTING THE STOOL SAMPLE FOR THE OCCULT BLOOD SCREENING



1. At the pharmacy you received a kit consisting of a test tube and a plastic bag.

Please, check the expiry data on the tube, which is located beneath the hourglass image. **If the tube has expired, kindly request a replacement at the pharmacy.**



2. Firstly, collect a stool sample in a clean, dry container (e.g. plastic plate).

Carefully open the test tube to avoid spilling the liquid contained.



3. Then, insert the stick into different areas of the faecal sample, making sure it gets dirty with faecal material. 3-4 points of contact are adequate.



4. Reinsert the stick into the test tube being careful not to leave the outside part dirty.



5. Close the tube by applying light pressure on the cap. Make sure that the tube is tightly closed.



6. Insert the test tube in its appropriate envelope and **keep it in the refrigerator until it is to be returned, which must take place WITHIN 48 HOURS of the stool collection.**

WE REMIND YOU THAT:

- ✓ It is not necessary to follow any particular diet before collecting faeces.
- ✓ Stool collection must not be performed during the menstrual period.
- ✓ In case of visible bleeding from the colon, consult your doctor before performing the test.
- ✓ For further information contact the Screening Centre at the contact details indicated on the invitation letter.