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Media release

Ask your pharmacist about BowelScreen Australia™

Screening for bowel cancer in people over 50 years of age is an important way to detect cancer or polyps early when it is easier to treat and cure.

During Ask Your Pharmacist Week (29 August – 4 September) the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Bowel Cancer Australia are highlighting a pharmacy-based bowel cancer awareness, education and screening program called BowelScreen Australia™. This program uses a clinically proven, sensitive and reliable immunochemical faecal occult blood test which can be purchased in participating pharmacies.

Currently annual bowel cancer screening is recommended for men and women:

- 50 years and over
- With no symptoms
- With no personal or family history of bowel cancer or polyps

Patients with current symptoms or a personal/family history should be directed to their doctor and people who have received a screening kit from the Australian Government are encouraged to complete that test.

If you want more information about bowel screening and BowelScreen Australia™ visit www.bowelscreenustralia.org. The website has an integrated pharmacy search feature which helps interested consumers find a pharmacy where the kits can be purchased.

Consumers can also visit the useful pharmacy locator website www.findapharmacy.com.au to check the location and services offered by thousands of Australian community pharmacies.

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