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Dr Chung-Faye's and Dr John O'Donohue's private practice at London Bridge Hospital covers all aspects of Bowel Cancer Screening and any other gastro-intestinal problems.

For further information on the procedures and the services listed below please visit our website: www.londonbridgehospital.com



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BOWEL CANCER SCREENING

How to find us:

London Bridge Hospital is situated on the South Bank of the Thames. We are next to London Bridge mainline and underground stations with easy access to the city. Please note: no right hand turn from Borough High street into Duke Street Hill. 31 Old Broad Street is situated on Old Broad Street in the heart of the city and next to Tower 42 (formerly the Natwest Tower).

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BOWEL CANCER SCREENING

Bowel Cancer is the second leading cause of Cancer deaths in the UK. Screening for Bowel Cancer reduces deaths from Bowel Cancer.



The NHS is implementing Bowel Cancer Screening for all 60-69 year old patients. You have to be registered with a GP to be eligible for screening. This screening test looks for the

presence of blood in the stool (faeces). If blood is detected in the stool, you will be invited for a Colonoscopy (flexible camera examination of the bowel) at your local Bowel Cancer Screening Centre. Patients are invited to give a stool sample every 2 years in their 60s.

ADVANTAGES OF THE STOOL TEST

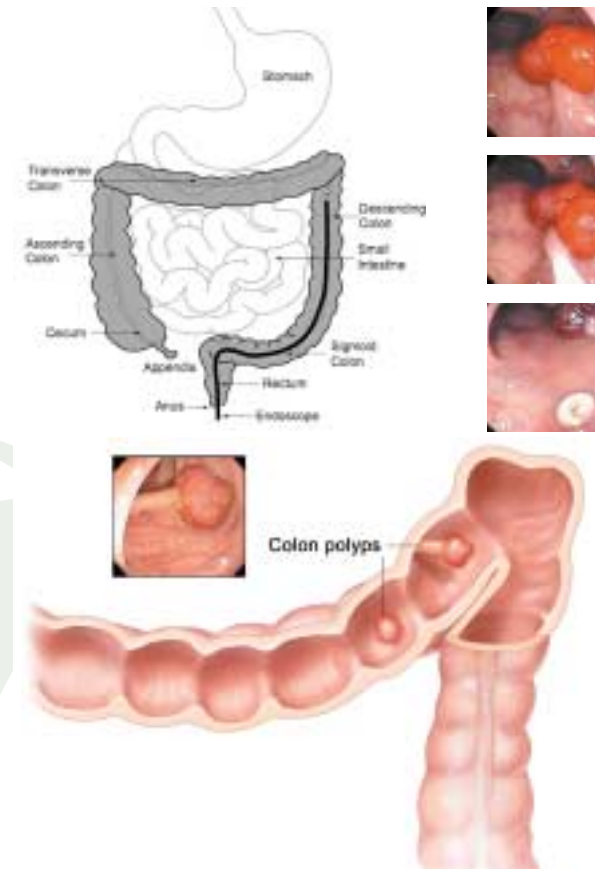
- The stool examination is easy, safe and inexpensive to perform.
- It will identify most large Cancers.
- It reduces deaths from Bowel Cancer.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE STOOL TEST

- It may miss over half of all cancers, especially if they are not bleeding.
- It may not pick up Polyps (early abnormalities or growths).
- It may sometimes be positive, even if no Cancer is present.

Another form of Bowel Cancer Screening used in other Countries, including the USA, is to perform a Colonoscopy (flexible camera examination of the Bowel) in everyone, without the need for a stool test. This is much more accurate as it allows direct visualisation of the entire Bowel and the removal or sampling of any abnormalities found.

Most Polyps found during the Colonoscopy can be removed at the same time (see images), without the need for an operation and before they turn into Cancers.



WHAT SHOULD I DO ?

Should you be in the age range due to be tested by the NHS by means of the stool test, you would be best advised to attend.

However, if you:

- Wish to undergo a Colonoscopy instead of the stool test.
- Are not eligible but you are worried about Bowel Cancer.
- Have a family history of Bowel Cancer.
- Are worried about any other Abdominal or Bowel problems.

Then please contact us for an appointment to discuss these issues or any related concerns.

You will be seen promptly by our Gastroenterologist to discuss the best treatment option for you.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON ARRIVAL

On your initial visit to the hospital you will be asked questions about your bowels by our Consultant Gastroenterologist, this is to build a picture of your circumstances and in no way should be seen as embarrassing.