

Result letter: Patient Who Has a Positive Screening Result

Note that this letter is for stool blood test, but a similar letter should be sent for patients with positive Stool FIT-DNA test, CT Colonography, or Flexible Sigmoidoscopy.

Main Street Medical

Date
Name
Street
City

Dear _____,

We wanted to congratulate you on successfully completing the stool blood test. The results of your test for colon and rectal cancer screening showed that you may have blood in your stool and that further testing is needed.

You now need a colonoscopy to look for a possible source of the bleeding and to determine if a polyp or cancer is present. Usually there is no serious problem. If a precancerous growth is found, it can be removed to prevent cancer. However, cancer is one of the potential causes for your bleeding and we want to be very careful to rule out this possibility.

A colonoscopy is a procedure that must be done by a doctor at an endoscopy center or a hospital. This test will require that you have anesthesia and will allow a doctor to look inside your entire large intestine to check for a growth or a polyp or cancer. The doctor will explain the colonoscopy results to you after the test.

We can assist you with scheduling a colonoscopy. Please call or visit our office at _____ to obtain a referral or set up an appointment. Also, please take this letter with you to your next doctor's appointment.

Thank you for following up on your healthcare needs. I am enclosing a brochure that describes colonoscopy. We have a video available if you would like to view it.

Sincerely,

Medical Director

Enclosure