



**Centre for Cancer Research & Department of General Practice,
University of Melbourne**

GENERAL PRACTICE CONSENT FORM

Project: SMARTERscreen: A randomised controlled trial of patient SMS messaging in general practice to increase participation in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program

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1. I consent to this general practice on behalf of all the General Practitioners (GPs) to participate in the SMARTERscreen research trial, the details of which have been explained to me and the other GPs, and manager in the general practice.
2. I have been read the written General Practitioner Plain Language Information Statement (Version 1.2, Date: 6 Feb 2023) that has the details about the SMARTERscreen trial.
3. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the SMARTERscreen trial and have received adequate information to inform my decision for the general practice to participate.
4. I agree that the researchers may use the results as described in the General Practitioner Plain Language Information Statement.
5. I understand that after I sign and return this consent form it will be retained by the University of Melbourne and I will receive a copy of this signed consent form to retain for my general practice records.
6. I understand that my general practice will upload a secure list of patients to the National Cancer Screening Registry (NCSR) to provide the dates kits are due and have been returned with the assistance of the research team in a secure and confidential way.
7. I understand that this general practice will be randomised to one of three research groups:
 - a. Group one: the control group which will mean no intervention, practice will be as usual;
 - b. Group two: an SMS will be sent from this practice to patients two-four weeks before they are due to receive their National Bowel Cancer Screening Kit. The SMS will encourage patients to do the kit; and
 - c. Group three: an SMS with additional health promotional videos will be sent from this practice to patients two-four weeks before they are due to receive their National Bowel Cancer Screening Kit. The SMS will encourage them to do the kit and the videos will be motivational and instructional.
8. I agree to have a poster in the waiting room of the general practice (Version 1.0, 18 October 2022) to inform the patients that the study is underway and that they are free to opt out.
9. I understand that the number of SMS sent, and the age and gender of the patients they are sent to will be collected as data for the purposes of this research only.
10. I understand that the number of times an SMS weblink is opened will be collected as data for the purposes of this research only.

11. I understand that the number of NBCSP FOBT results, and the age and gender of the patients will be collected for the purposes of this research only.
12. This project is funded by a grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Participation in Cancer Screening Programs grant (ID 2014703).
13. I acknowledge that:
 - a. I understand that this general practice is free to withdraw from the SMARTERscreen trial at any time without explanation or prejudice and will not impact on my relationship with the University of Melbourne and study partner organisations. Any data collected from a general practice who has revoked their consent to participate will be removed and destroyed as long as the data have not been processed.
 - b. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements.
 - c. I have been informed that this consent form and information will be stored securely at the University of Melbourne and destroyed 15 years after publication of the study results.
 - d. I have been informed that a copy of the research findings will be forwarded to me, should I request it at the completion of the study.
 - e. My name and the name of general practice will not be identified in any publications arising from this research project.
 - f. In accordance with the law of Victoria, I understand that it is possible for data to be subject to subpoena, or freedom of information request.

General practice name: <i>General practice stamp</i>	
Name of authorised person: <i>position in the practice</i>	
<i>Signature:</i> <i>Print name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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Researcher's name (printed): _____

Researcher's signature: _____ Date: _____