Global news on CRC Screening in the COVID-19 era

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‘All major population-based screening programs will shortly grind to an unseemly halt…’

You would have dismissed it as...

...sensationalist, fiction!
We followed it spread across the globe
COVID-19 Cases across the Globe

- Taiwan
- Italy
- China
- Spain
- UK
- S. Korea
- USA
- Canada
- Australia
- Brazil
- Argentina
- Hong Kong

National Population Screening
- Suspend screening?
- Political decision!
- But preoccupied with COVID
- Resources disappearing!
- Circumstances made the decision for us!
More than 2,700 wait for urgent bowel cancer test

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Wales
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England
Netherlands
Norway
Denmark
US Kaiser
US Veterans HA
Brazil
Chile
Argentina
Malta
Italy
Slovenia
Canada
New Zealand
Australia
Spain
Poland
Belgium
Finland
Sweden
Scotland
Germany
Guernsey
Canada (Ontario)

CRC Screening Suspended

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Newsletter

Contribution from Screening Experts in 26 Countries

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Australia - Graeme Young - Prof. Global GI Health, Dept. of Gastro, Flinders Univ., Adelaide
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Belgium - Sarah Hoekx - Manager Flemish Colorectal Cancer Screening Program
- Luc Coelmont - Managing Director vsy Stop Darmkanker

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- Julia Ismael - Clin. Oncol., Policy Researcher, Global Health, Former Director NCI,

Canada (Ontario) - Linda Rabeneck - VP, Prev. & Cancer Cont., Ontario Health (CCO)

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- Francisco López-Köstner - Director of PRENEC (Prevención neoplasias colorrectales

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Guernsey - Rebecca Elliott - Guernsey Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Administrator

Hong Kong - Joseph Sung - Director, Inst. of Digestive Disease - Chinese University of Hong Kong

Italy - Carlo Senore

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- Patricia Hugen - Programma coördinator Bevolkingsonderzoek Borstkanker
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- Hilary Coffey - Prog. Manager, Nat. Bowel Screen Prog., Nat. Screening Service

Spain (Basque Region) - Isabel Fortillo Villares 

Wales - Ardiana Gili - Cons. in Public Health Medicine - Cancer Screening Lead, Public Health Wales
Screening Programme Stopped

February
- Hong Kong

Early March
- Italy 8th
- Spain (Basque) 9th
- Poland - 16th
- Slovenia - 16th
- Guernsey - 16th
- Norway 16th

Late March
- Finland -
- Netherlands - 18th
- Argentina - 19th
- Canada (Ontario) - 23rd
- England - 23th
- S Ireland - 23th
- Wales - 20th
- Scotland - 30th
- New Zealand - 23th

April
- Sweden
- Chile
- N Ireland
- Japan

National Population Screening
Activity suspended
- What to do with –
  - returned FIT kits
  - known FIT+ve
  - colonoscopy appts?

Did Not Stop!
- Denmark

No National Screening Policy
- Germany

Kaiser Permanente
The morbidity from ‘x’ weeks of missed screening is ....

Should we use FIT and colonoscopy more effectively?

STARK WARNING Thousands at risk of bowel cancer after one million screening tests missed in coronavirus lockdown

Terri-Ann Williams, Digital Health & Fitness Reporter
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THOUSANDS of Brits face a higher risk of bowel cancer after one million screening invites were delayed by lockdown, a leading charity has warned.

Around 675,000 people should have received an invite to do a home test since March - two per cent of whom would have had a positive screening result.
Shock at big drop in Donegal’s cancer screening

Help us to help you! NHS urges patients not to ignore cancer warning signs in campaign ad to avoid thousands of non-Covid deaths

- The NHS will run a major campaign to warn people about the dangers of cancer
- Experts fear people are not seeking timely medical help out of fear Covid-19
- Cancer referrals have plummeted by up to 70 per cent during the Covid-19 crisis
- Patients are asked to tell their ‘red flag’ cancer symptoms and seek help

By Lumna Rees and for the Daily Mail
Updated: 6.30 October 2020

Routine Cancer Screenings Plunge During COVID-19

Screening appointments for cervix, colon and breast cancer are down between 86% and 94%.

May 8, 2020    By Alicia Green

COVID-19 Delays In Cancer Screenings Could Result In Many More Deaths