



Media Release

Raffles Hospital offers free FOBT screening for individuals aged 50 and above

1 March 2016 – From now till 30 April this year, Raffles Hospital will be offering free FOBT (Faecal Occult Blood Test) screening to individuals aged 50 and above. They will be issued with the FOBT kit and a step-by-step guide to help them perform the test. The kit can be collected from Raffles Hospital and all Raffles Medical clinics in Singapore.

Studies have shown that colorectal cancer is the top cancer killer in Singapore. The cancer develops when malignant tumours form along the innermost lining of the colon and rectum.

Colorectal cancer is a preventable and highly treatable cancer when caught at an early stage. Now in its fifth consecutive year running, the campaign reinforces the importance of colorectal cancer screening and prevention.

Dr Donald Poon, General Manager of Raffles Hospital, shared: "Preventing colorectal cancer is about extending testing to as many people as possible and detecting it earlier. Raffles Hospital will continue to reach out in our efforts to help to reduce the number of colorectal cancer incidence and deaths in Singapore."

Dr Ng Chin, Specialist in General Surgery & Consultant, Raffles Surgery Centre, added: "For a preventable cancer, it is unfortunate that colorectal cancer continues to be the leading cancer diagnosed in Singapore. Screening with an FOBT kit can help detect colorectal cancer at its early stages when treatment is more likely to work. Hence, it is important for patients with a positive test result to follow up with a specialist to identify the source of bleeding."

Raffles Hospital has rolled out Medisave-claimable packages (outlined below). Individuals who are found to have blood in their stools are encouraged to do a colonoscopy or gastroscopy on its own, or together in a single session.

Interested parties may refer to www.raffleshospital.com/CCAM for more information about the initiative or call 6311 1152.

Screening Packages @ Raffles Hospital	Package Price (exclude GST)*
Colonoscopy	\$1,311
Gastroscopy	\$874
Colonoscopy and gastroscopy	\$1,747
*Terms and conditions apply. Medisave claimable limits apply, if applicable	
**For Singaporeans and Permanent Residents.	

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RafflesMedical clinics form one of the largest networks of private family medicine centres in Singapore.

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