



Media Release

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

17 February 2014 - Beginning 18 February till 30 April this year, Raffles Hospital will be offering free FOBT (Faecal Occult Blood Test) screenings to individuals aged 50 and above. They will be issued with a kit and a step-by-step guide to help them perform the test. The kit can be collected from Raffles Hospital and all 45 Raffles Medical clinics nationwide.

Colon cancer is the top cancer killer in Singapore. The cancer develops when malignant tumours form along the innermost lining of the large intestine. Those aged 50 and above, with or without a family history of cancer, are at risk of developing colorectal cancer.

“In conjunction with the Colorectal Cancer Awareness month in March, we aim to educate the public about early detection and prevention of the nation’s leading cancer killer, and to increase regular screenings for people who are at risk. Providing the FOBT screening for free marks a key step in helping us keep our patients in good health,” explained Dr Prem Kumar Nair, General Manager of Raffles Hospital.

Dr Ng Chin, a specialist in surgery at Raffles Hospital, added: “Patients diagnosed at later stages of colorectal cancer have a poorer survival rate than those diagnosed earlier. Screening with the FOBT test can help early disease detection which means early treatment and possibly cure.”

Individuals who are found to have blood in their stools are encouraged to do a colonoscopy or gastroscopy. Packages (outlined below) which are covered by Medisave are available at Raffles Hospital.

Interested candidates can call 6311 1152 for enquiries.

Screening Packages@ Raffles Hospital	Package Prices (Include GST)*
Colonoscopy	\$1,250
Gastroscopy	\$642
Colonoscopy and gastroscopy	\$1,600
*Terms and conditions apply.	

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