

Bowel Cancer: Screening Matters

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HOW IT STARTED

I got a FIT kit in the post in May 2021. I did the test and got a letter saying they'd found some issues. I was sent for checks to have a closer look.

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THE DIAGNOSIS

The test showed I had stage 3 bowel cancer. It was scary, but the doctor said they found it early, so there was a good chance I could get better.

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TREATMENT

I had surgery to take out the cancer. They found it had spread to some of my lymph nodes, so I had chemotherapy to help get rid of it.

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THE OUTCOME

Chemotherapy was hard, but it worked. In May 2022, I was told I didn't have cancer free. I was so relieved and really thankful.

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WHAT I LEARNED

I didn't have any signs or symptoms, so if I hadn't done the FIT test, it could have been much worse when they found it. Having cancer has changed how I see life.