

National Bowel Screening Program results available online with Sonic Dx

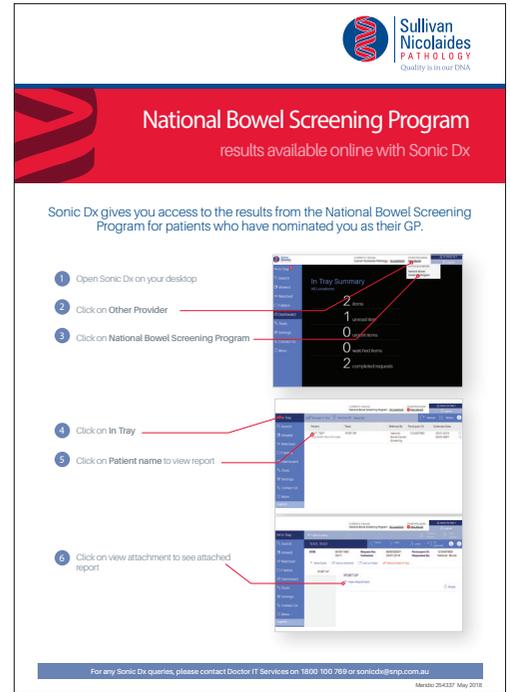
Online access to your patient's bowel screening immunochemical Faecal Occult Blood test (FOBT) results is available through Sonic Dx.

Participants in the Australian Government's national bowel screening program are asked to nominate their usual GP (or practice) on their Participant Details Form, but this is not compulsory. The test result is sent to the participant, their GP (if nominated) and the Program Register.

Although you will receive the results through the program's usual channels for any patient who has nominated you as their doctor, you can also access results online through Sonic Dx. This will enable you to look up results at any time, such as when consulting with a patient, or when you receive notification for a patient.

To ensure privacy, all results are quarantined in a secure area that only the nominated GP can access. You are able to share results with colleagues, for example when referring for specialist consultation or to colleagues if you are away from the practice.

For more information about using Sonic Dx, and for a copy of the **National Bowel Screening Program results using Sonic Dx**, please contact your Medical Liaison Manager on 1300 SNPATH (1300 767 284).



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Sonic Dx gives you access to the results from the National Bowel Screening Program for patients who have nominated you as their GP.

- 1 Open Sonic Dx on your desktop
- 2 Click on **Other Provider**
- 3 Click on **National Bowel Screening Program**
- 4 Click on **In Tray**
- 5 Click on **Patient name** to view report
- 6 Click on **view attachment** to see attached report

For any Sonic Dx queries, please contact Doctor IT Services on 1300 100 788 or sonicdx@snp.com.au

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PFAS testing of current and former residents of Svensson Heights, Bundaberg

Do you have patients who live or have previously lived in the Svensson Heights area of Bundaberg? They have been offered free PFAS testing by the Queensland Government.

The detection of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) in groundwater that supplies part of Bundaberg's water network has led to the Queensland Government arranging for testing of people from the affected area.

Anyone who lives, works, or attends school or childcare in the Svensson Heights PFAS Investigation Area, or who has done so for at least three months during the past three years, is eligible for a free Queensland Health blood test. Before they can be tested however, they must be assessed by a GP. If approved, the patient can go on to have a blood sample taken.

Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology is the testing laboratory for PFAS

How to request PFAS testing

As the patient's GP you need to assess their situation. The patient must download a short questionnaire and consent form from the Queensland Government website. This must be completed and signed by them. The patient can do this before they come to see you, or during the consultation. If more than one person is being consulted, each must complete a separate questionnaire. (See links to the relevant forms).

If you decide the patient requires testing you need to write a request form, stating: "Public Health PFAS Investigation".

Collection

Bundaberg residents need to have their blood collected at the Bundaberg Hospital, Bourbong Street. People who live elsewhere or otherwise cannot attend Bundaberg Hospital, must phone the Wide Bay Public Health Unit to arrange a collection on (07) 4303 7500.

The patient must take BOTH the completed questionnaire and specially marked blood test request form to the collection centre to have their blood taken. Both of these documents are needed so they are not charged for the test.

More information

The Bundaberg Regional Council website has details of the Svensson Heights PFAS investigation: <http://www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/pfas>

Anyone concerned about their own health, or that of family members, can call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84). Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology has produced an information bulletin for doctors: "Perfluorinated chemical testing - PFAS - PFOS". It can be accessed from the SNP website under Doctors Publications.

http://www.snp.com.au/media/528937/pfas_pfos_chemical_testing_june_2018.pdf

Links to relevant forms and fact sheets:

Svensson Heights PFAS patient questionnaire
<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/assets/documents/pollution/management/pfas/bundaberg-svensson-heights-blood-test-questionnaire.pdf>

Svensson Heights PFAS blood test fact sheet
<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/assets/documents/pollution/management/pfas/bundaberg-svensson-heights-blood-test-fact-sheet.pdf>

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Pathologist Profile

Dr Rebecca Adams B Mus (Vocal), MBBS (Hons 1st Class), FRCPA

We are delighted to introduce Dr Rebecca Adams who has recently joined us as a consultant haematologist.

Dr Adams graduated in medicine with first class honours from The University of Queensland in 2004. Her academic achievements saw her awarded several prizes: the University Medal for Medicine; the Charles Mitford Lilley Memorial Prize for greatest merit in surgery; the Neville G. Sutton Prize for highest score in surgery; the Lilian Cooper Prize for highest overall achievement over four years; and the RACGP Ben Adsett Memorial Prize for highest score in GP rotation.



She undertook her residency at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and it was there she made the decision to move on to specialist training in haematology. During her training, she was actively involved in research projects and published review articles, research articles and case studies, and was the recipient of several grants. She was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia in 2014, and has since worked in the private sector.

Her areas of interest include haematology morphology, diagnostic haematology, flow cytometry and malignant haematology. She is also actively involved in developing new ways to utilise diagnostic haematology laboratory testing to streamline and improve the testing algorithm. She regularly presents at meetings and conferences and is published in her fields of interest.

She serves on a several committees including: the RCPA Queensland Committee; the Pathology Update 2018 Haematology Scientific Program Committee and the Blood 2018 (formerly HAA Conference) Conference Organising Committee. She is also Chair of the Pathology Update 2019 Haematology Scientific Program Committee.

Dr Adams holds a number of roles in training and education. As well as being responsible for the teaching of registrars, scientists and students who rotate through the Haematology department, she is the RCPA's Network Coordinator of Advanced Haematology Training in Queensland. She is an RCPA examiner in haematology and a reviewer for the College's Pathology journal. She is also a senior lecturer at The University of Queensland.

She has memberships of the Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand; the Australian Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis; the International Society for Laboratory Haematology; the Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion; the Australian Cytometry Society; and the American Society of Haematology.

Dr Adams has a long-held passion for music, having graduated from The University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Music (Vocal) in the early years of her tertiary training. Although no longer involved in regular performance, she is proud to be a member of the Queensland Medical Orchestra and Choir, an energetic, committed group of like-minded medical professionals, students and friends who perform three times a year to share their talents with the broader community.

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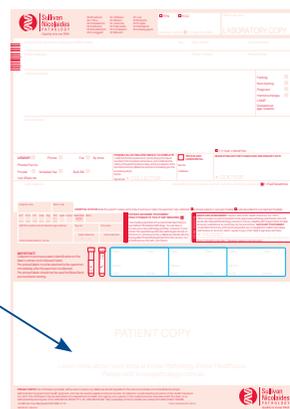
Know Pathology Know Healthcare is an initiative to provide Australians with a better understanding of pathology and the role it plays in their wider healthcare. It is run by Pathology Awareness Australia, a not-for-profit group representing 95% of the stakeholders in Australian pathology, including Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology.

The website, knowpathology.com.au explains how doctors use pathology to manage their patients' health, what happens to samples in a pathology laboratory, and how test results influence health outcomes.

It is linked to the labtestsonline.org.au website which provides information about pathology tests in plain language. The information on Lab Tests Online AU is written by practising pathologists and scientists and can be relied on as being accurate, authoritative, independent of commercial or political influences, and supportive of doctors' management of their patients.

Funded by the Australian Government, managed by the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists and supported by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, Lab Tests Online AU is the official reference for patients seeking supportive information when receiving their pathology results directly via My Health Record.

SNP has added the **Know Pathology Know Healthcare** web address to its request forms to raise patient awareness.



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