



## Invitation to the Svit Programme

*Dear Sir or Madam,*

We kindly invite you to join the Svit Programme - the national screening and early detection programme for colorectal cancer.

The programme has been implemented under the patronage of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia since 2009. It is operated by the National Institute of Public Health and aimed to detect precancerous growths and early stages of colorectal cancer in men and women aged 50 to 74 years, even if they feel well and have no health problems. Its aim is the early detection of precancerous lesions and colorectal cancer while the disease doesn't show any signs yet. **Your participation in the Svit Programme is covered by your mandatory health insurance since it is funded by the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia.**

You will receive the invitation every two years until you have turned 74 years of age. To take part in the Svit Programme, you need to fill in, sign and send us the Statement of Voluntary Participation in the Svit Programme each time you are invited because we need your information and consent every time we send you the invitation. Please send us the Statement as soon as possible, even if you underwent colonoscopy recently. In this case, it won't be necessary to provide a faeces sample.

You can find more information about the Svit Programme in the enclosed booklet and its website: <http://www.program-svit.si/en/>. Should you have any further questions you can call us on **01 620 45 21**, send us an e-mail to **svit@nijz.si**, send a letter to Program Svit, p.p. 241, 1001 Ljubljana or a fax to **01 620 45 29**, visit a Svit contact point in the preventive centre of your community health centre or consult your general practitioner.

***Take the opportunity for a preventive check-up and join the Svit Programme. It has helped many people to improve their health and save their lives – you can be one of them.***

We care about your health.

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