

Dear colleagues,

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Re: Anticipated publication of major trial on Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (FS) for colorectal cancer screening

As you may be aware, the results from the second major Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (FS) screening trial will be published this Spring – the UK FS Trial – and it is anticipated that an abstract describing the trial results will be presented on or about May 3, 2010.

To prepare for this development, the Partnership has reconvened the expert review panel, chaired by Dr. Linda Rabeneck, from the Odette Cancer Centre Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON. The panel has been working to update a “Watching Brief” to summarize key issues and trial results. This document will be shared, along with the trial abstract and results, via email as soon as the publication is made available. Please feel free to forward our documents to other interested stakeholders in your jurisdiction. If you would like to add other provincial or territorial stakeholders to our distribution list, please provide us with appropriate contact information.

This process is intended to support you in planning your responses to the new publication. As many stakeholder groups are aware that the FS trials have been under way, there may be a lot of interest.

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Sincerely,

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