

The National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) supports Australia's lung, bowel and cervical cancer screening programs by:

- Maintaining a digital record for each participant,
- Sending invitations and reminders, and
- Following up with individuals who have abnormal results.

Timely and accurate clinical information helps ensure patients are placed on the correct screening pathway and receive appropriate follow-up.

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1 DIFFERENCES IN THE LUNG PROGRAM

Unlike the bowel and cervical screening programs, which are population-based, the National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSPP) is targeted.

The program screens people at high risk of lung cancer, based on clinical [eligibility criteria](#).

2 SUBMITTING RESULTS

Lung cytology and histopathology results can be submitted through the existing cervical screening reporting channels.

Minimal technical change is required for integrated laboratories. For those laboratories interested in integrating, please contact the NCSR.

3 REPORTING ADDITIONAL ACTIONABLE FINDINGS

Additional actionable findings are not required for NCSR reporting and should be managed through routine clinical channels.

4 MESSAGE REJECTIONS

Some lung cancer screening messages may be rejected.

They will include the suffix "NLCSPP" and do not require immediate action – the NCSR will follow up if needed.

COMMON REASONS FOR REJECTION:

Insufficient participant details:

If automatic participant matching fails, the NCSR will attempt manual matching. If still unmatched, the result will be rejected with a message. Laboratories will be notified, and asked to correct and resend it.

HL7 structural issues:


Messages that don't meet HL7 standards (e.g. age out of range, incorrect result wording) will be rejected, as with cervical results.


Participant not enrolled:

If the person is not enrolled in the program, even if age-eligible, the message will be rejected. Results should be communicated to the Requesting Practitioner as per usual care arrangements.

MORE INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

 [NCSR.gov.au](https://www.ncsr.gov.au)
[Health.gov.au/NLCSPP](https://www.health.gov.au/NLCSPP)

 1800 627 701

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