

National Bowel Screening Programme

Update 2025

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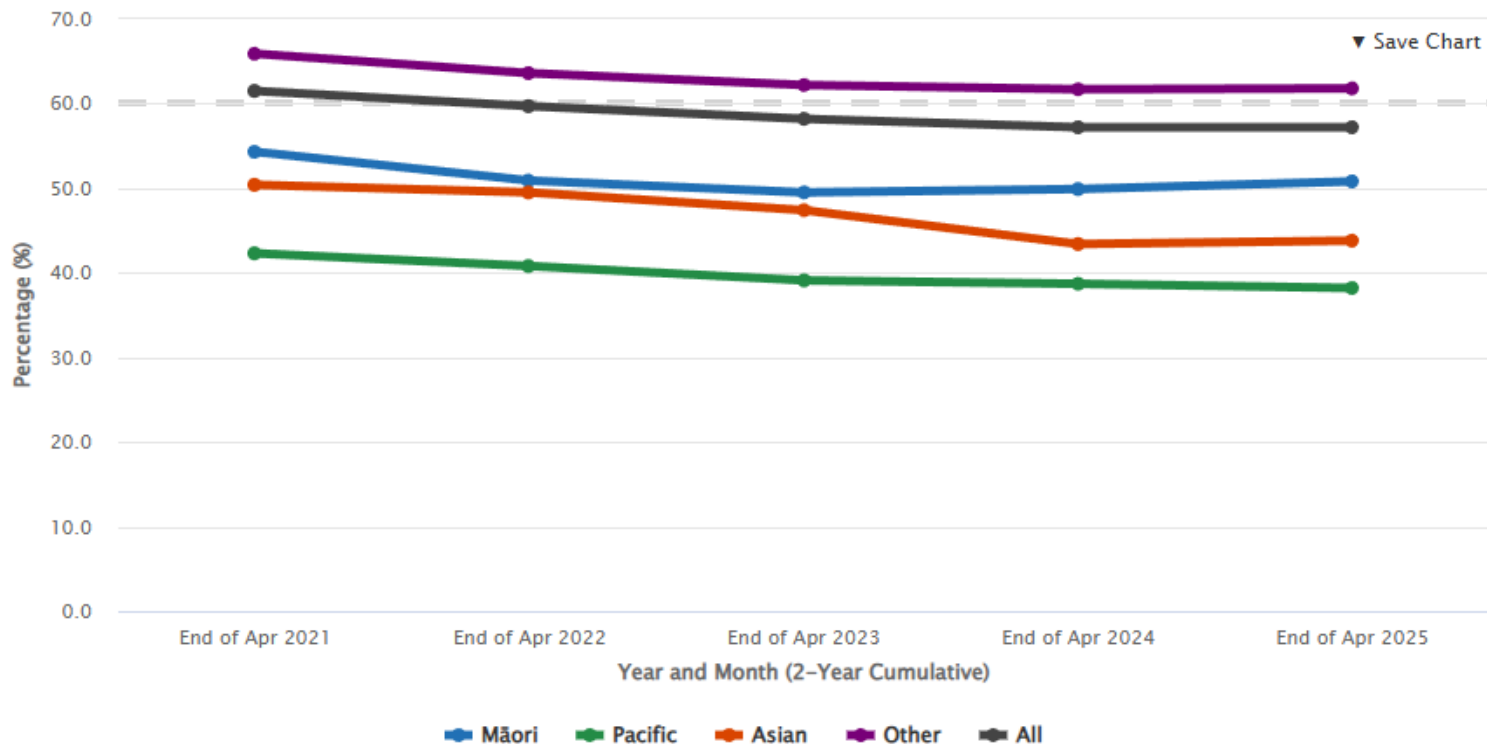
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NBSP participation by ethnicity

Participation (200) by Ethnicity



2023 and 2024 May primary care promotion

Reception desk stand, posters and flip charts

Fig 1 Kit requests October 2022 to May 2024

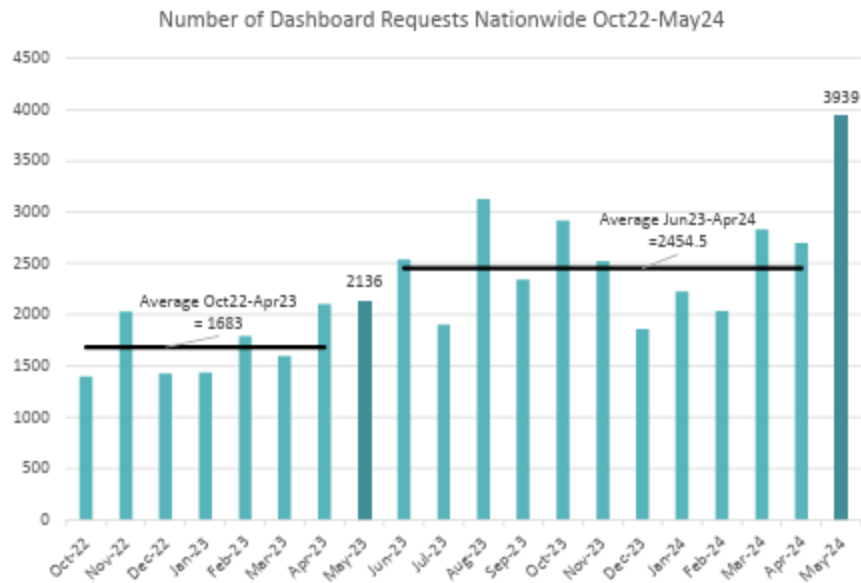


Fig 2 Kit requests nationwide per 10,000 eligible NBSP population

- A quarter of NZ general practices engaged
- A third of VLCA practices
- Increased kit requests
- Modest kit returns



Recommendations for 2025 May promotion

- ❑ Increase practice engagement with focus on VLCA
- ❑ Provide resources including demonstration kits
- ❑ Understand more about reminder systems
- ❑ Who is engaging in conversations?
- ❑ Can we improve kit returns?

Sample bowel screening kit

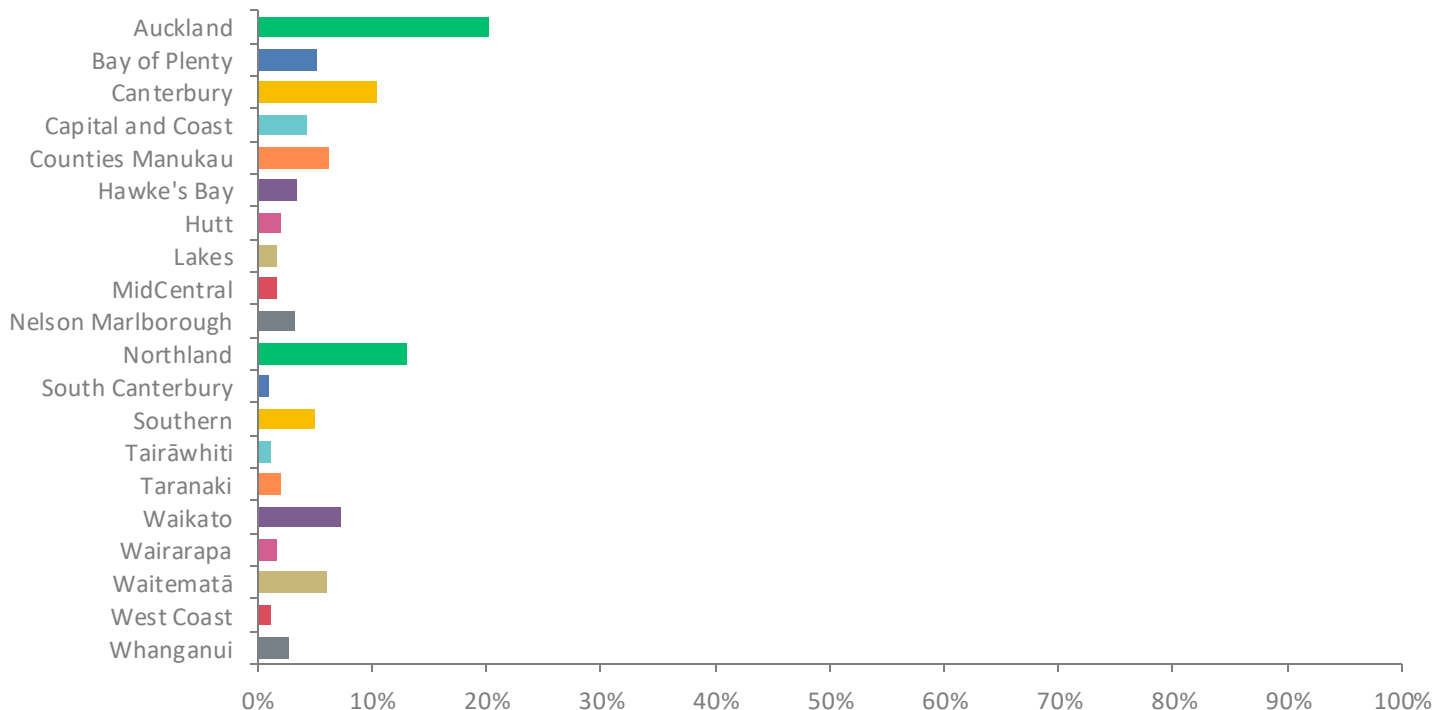


Tube with attached info card



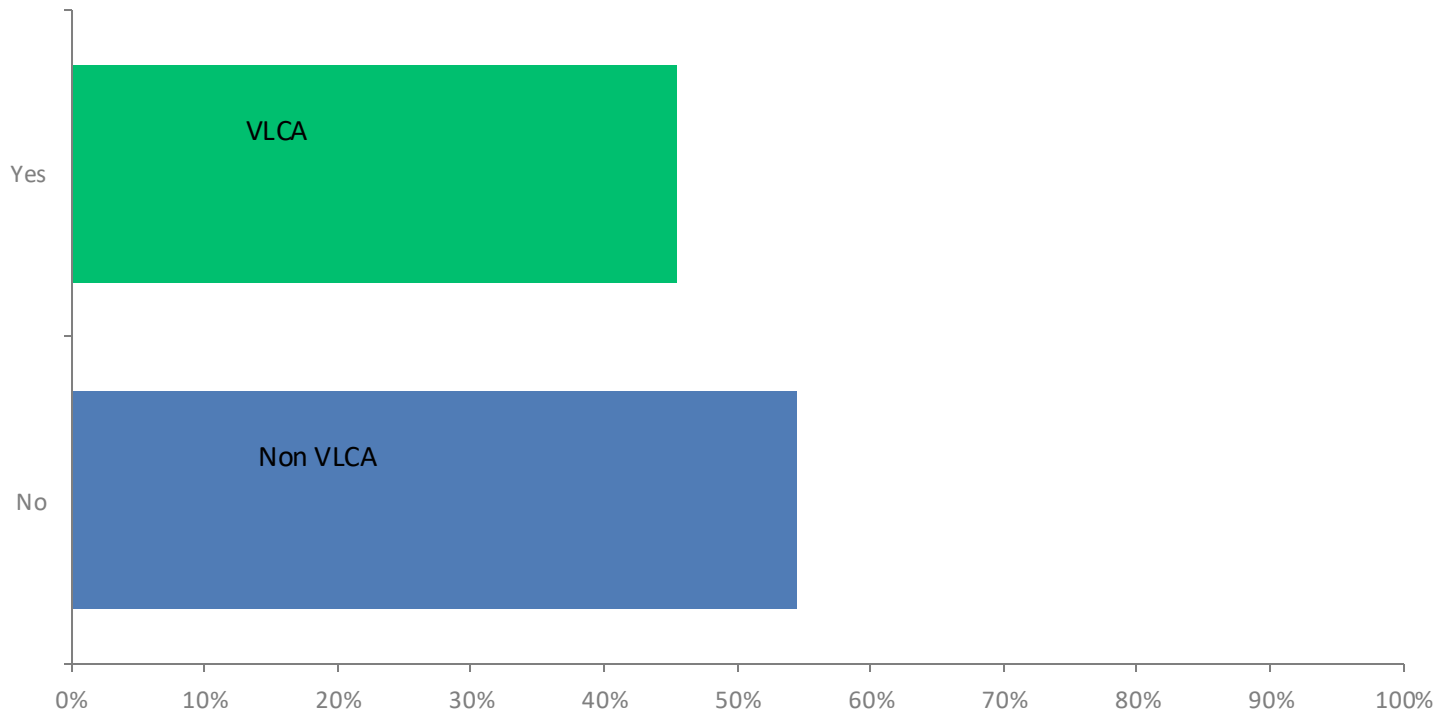
400 enrolled practices from all health districts (increase in 37% from 2024)

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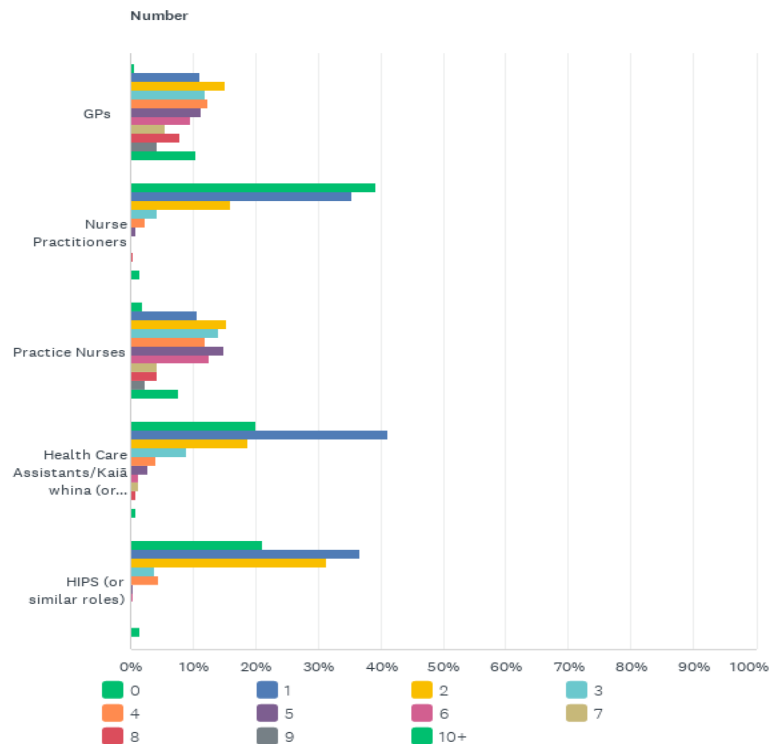
Just under half enrolled were Very Low Cost Access practices (two-thirds of VLCA practices)

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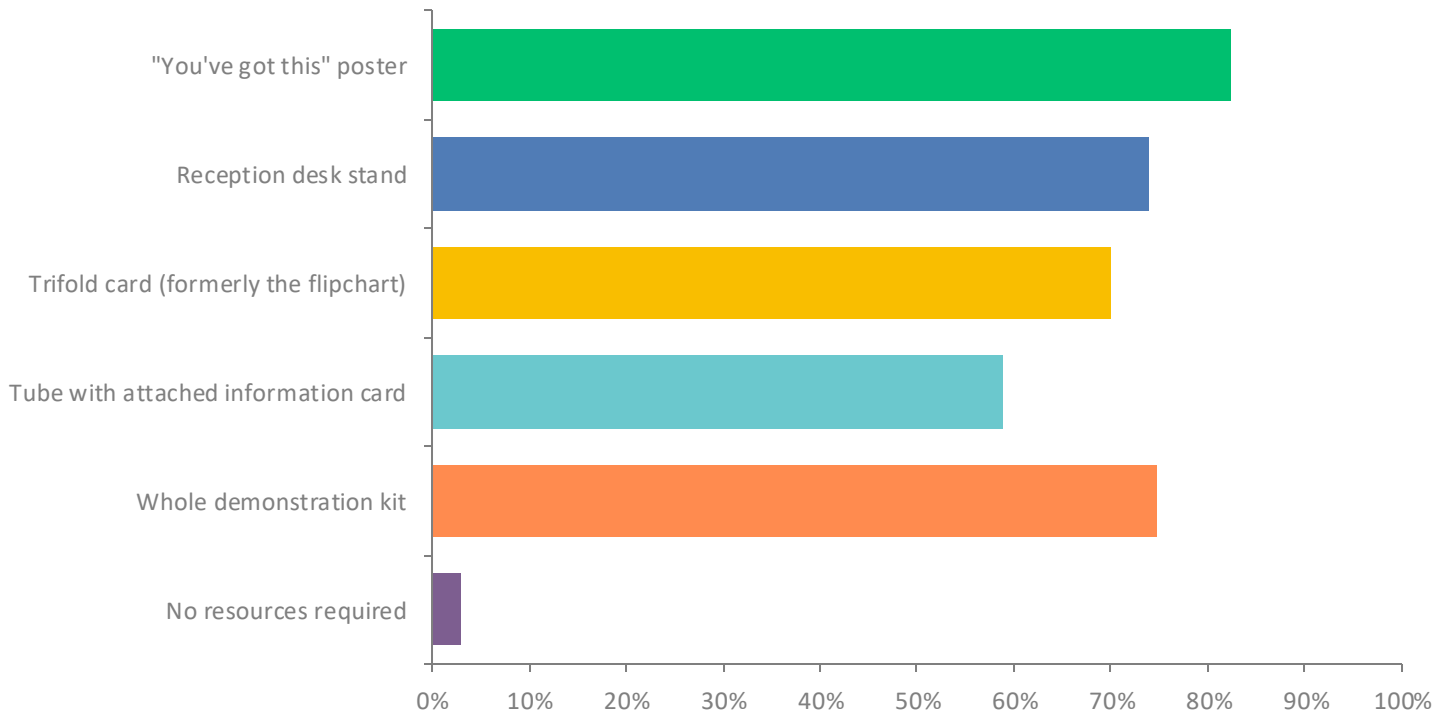
Wide participation by staff members routinely in FIT kit conversations

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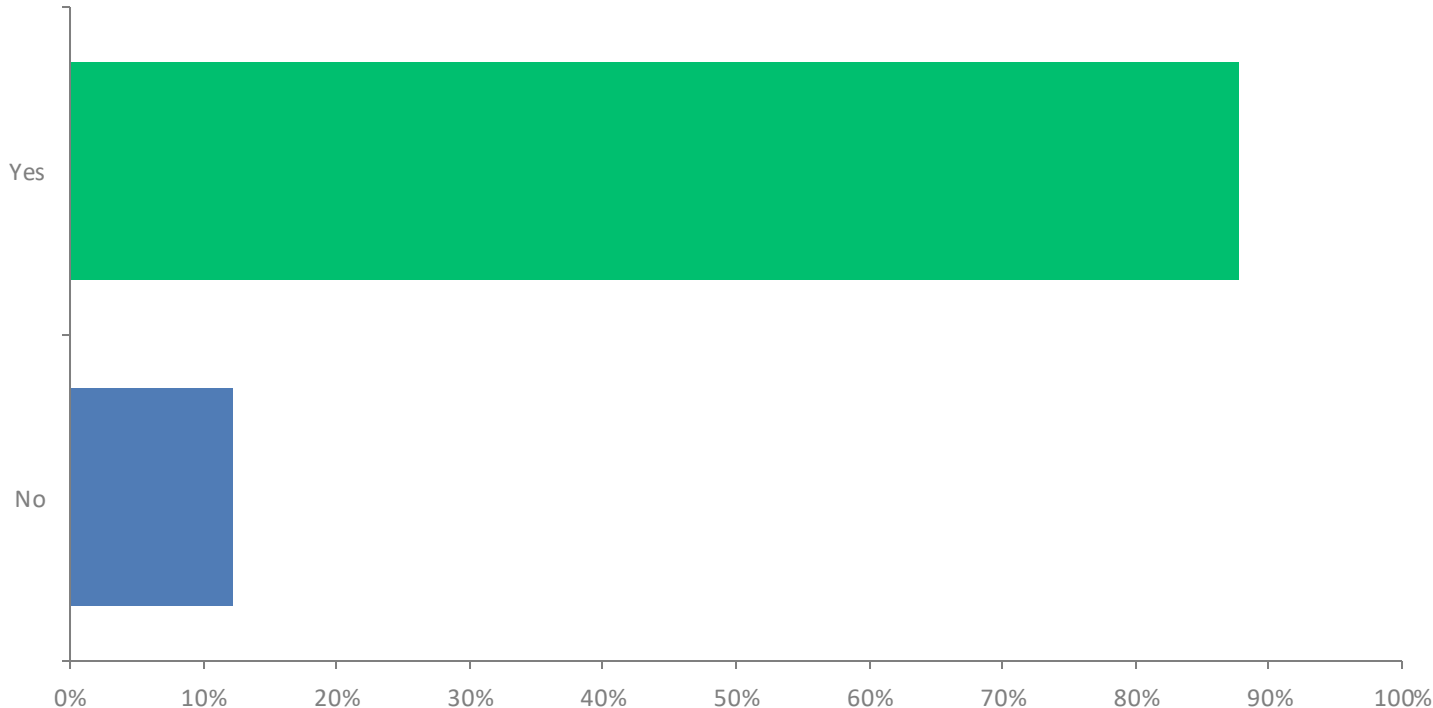
All promotion resources were appreciated

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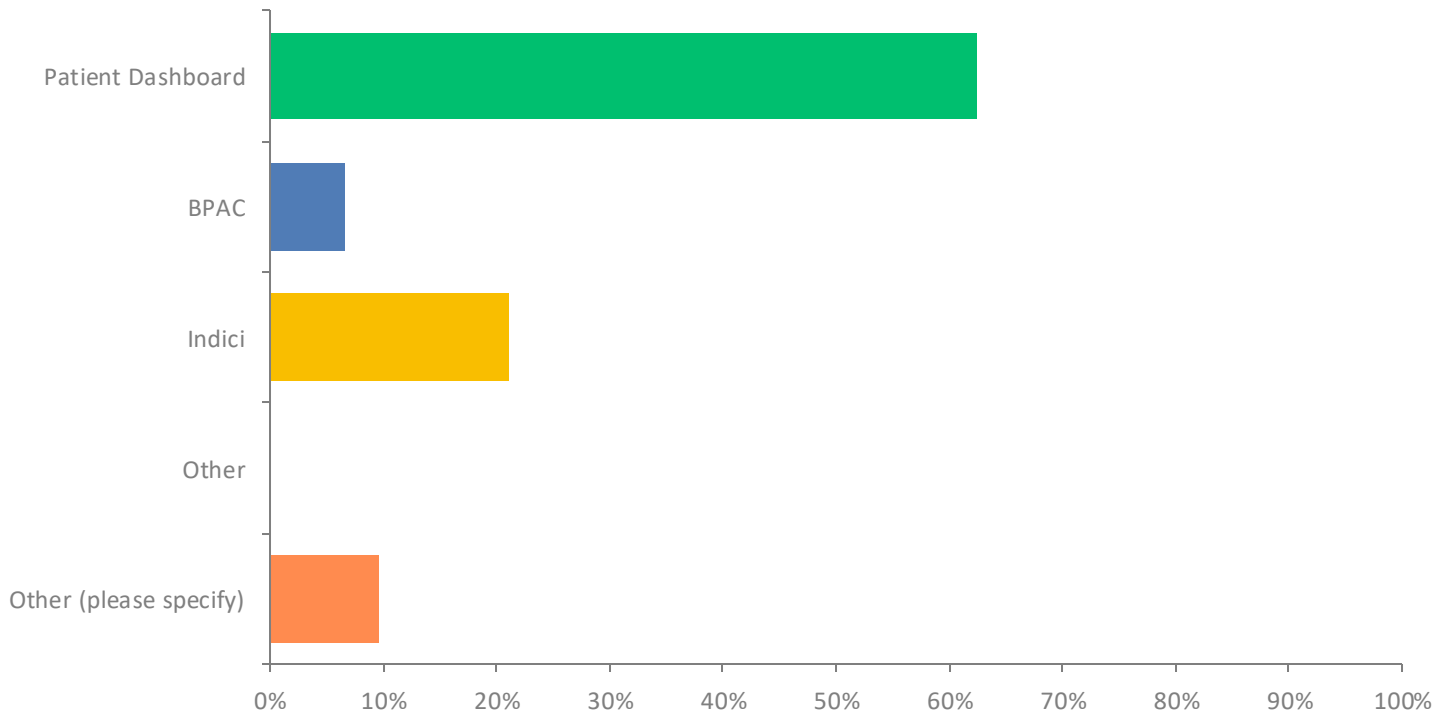
Most practices use a reminder system indicating NBSP screening status

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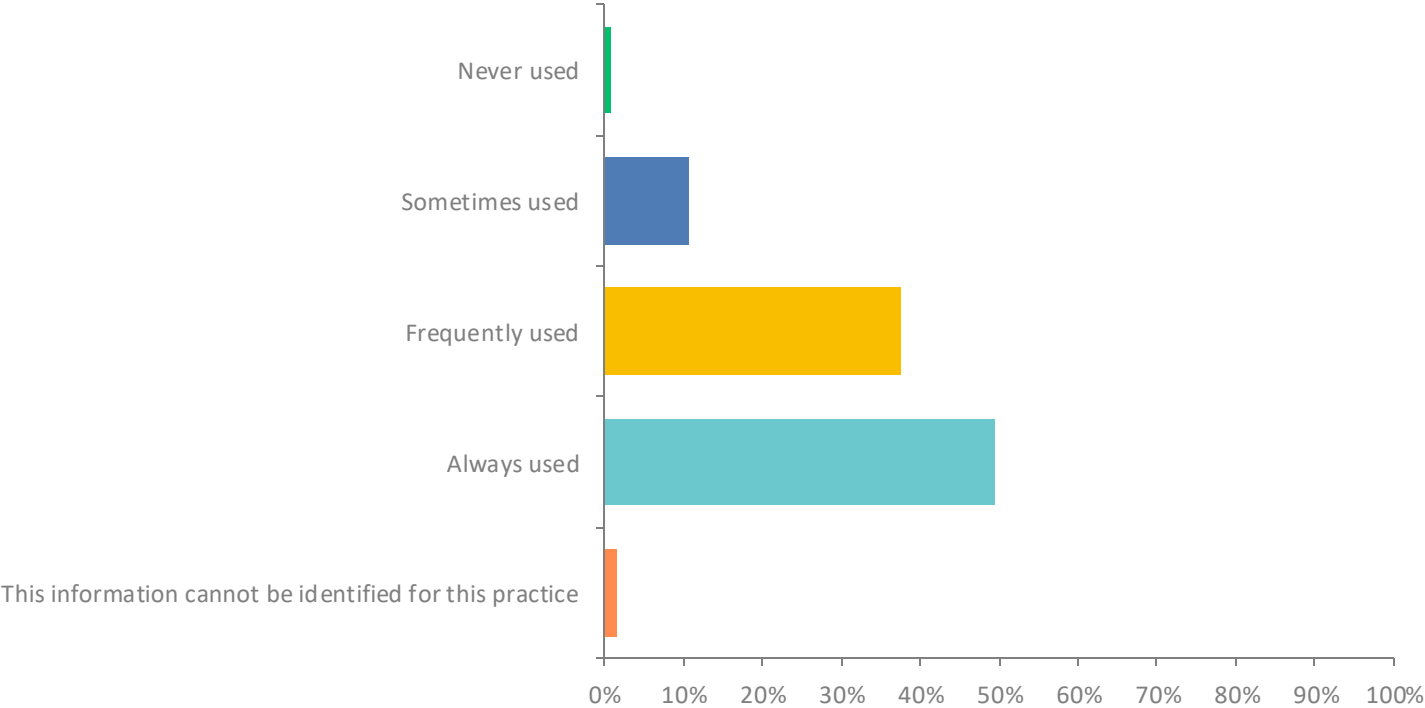
Reminder systems in use

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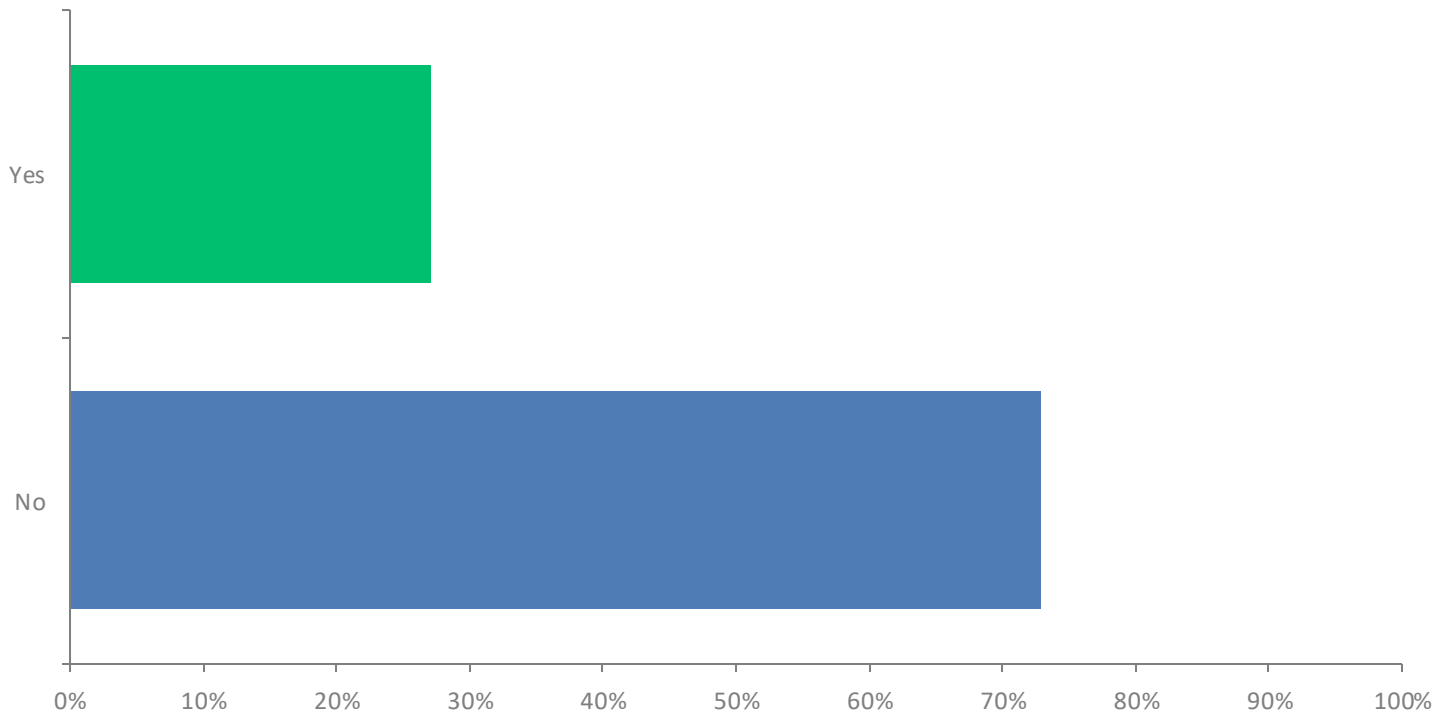
Frequency of reminder use varies

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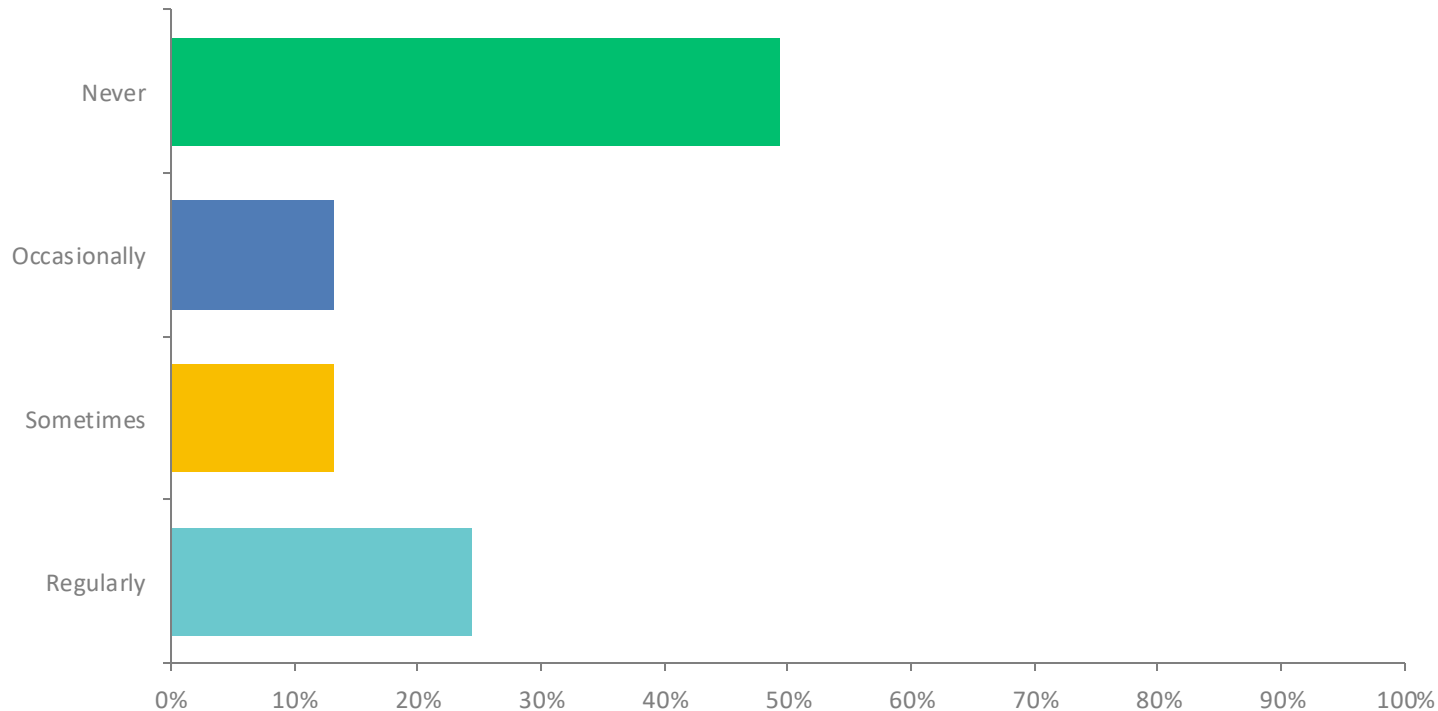
Access to an appointment scanner system

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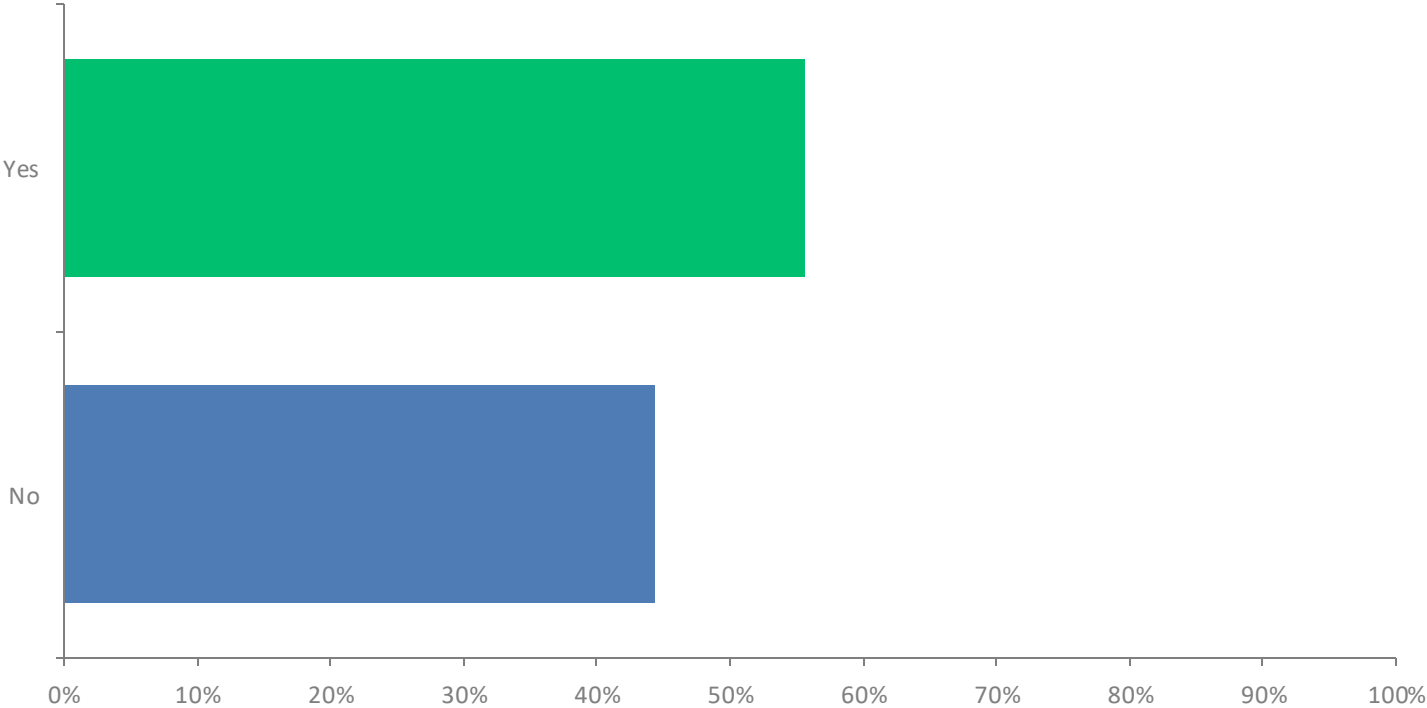
Appointment scanner used to identify patients due for bowel screening

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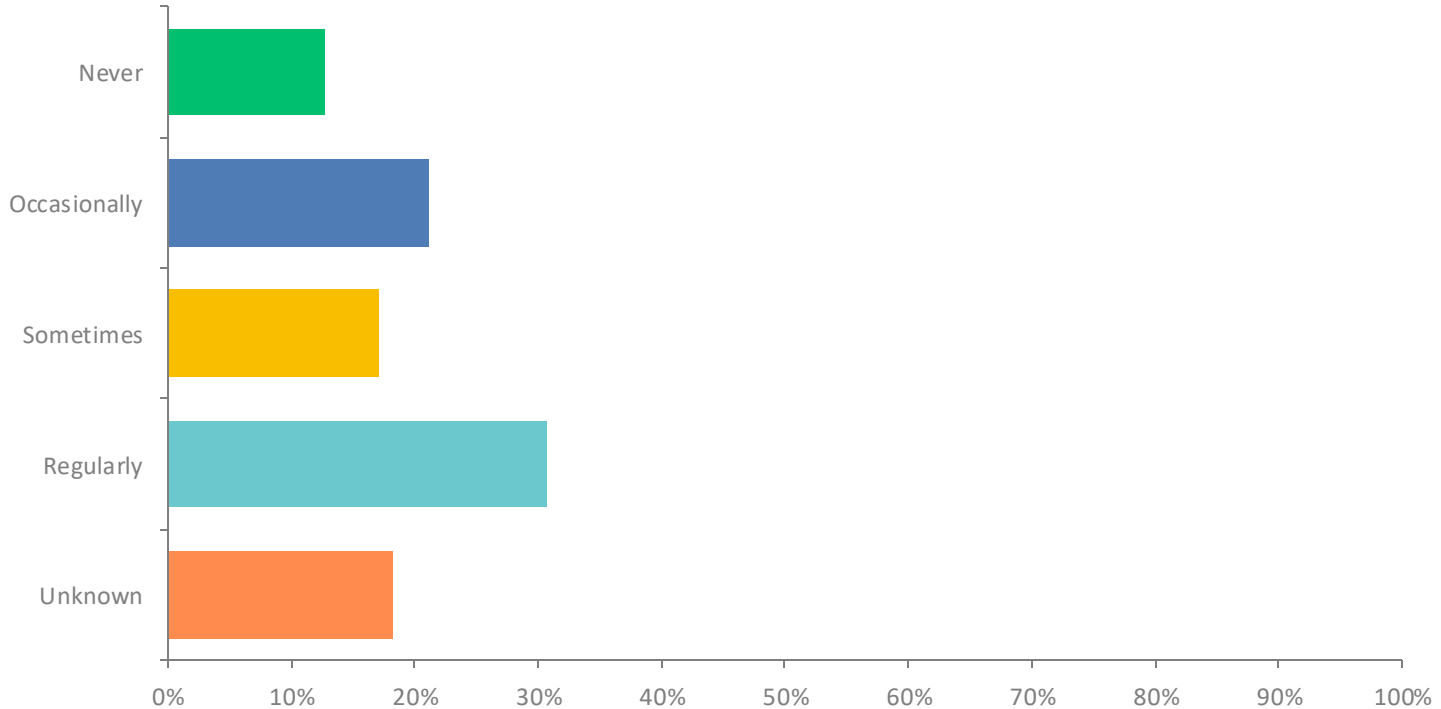
Access to an electronic FIT test request tool

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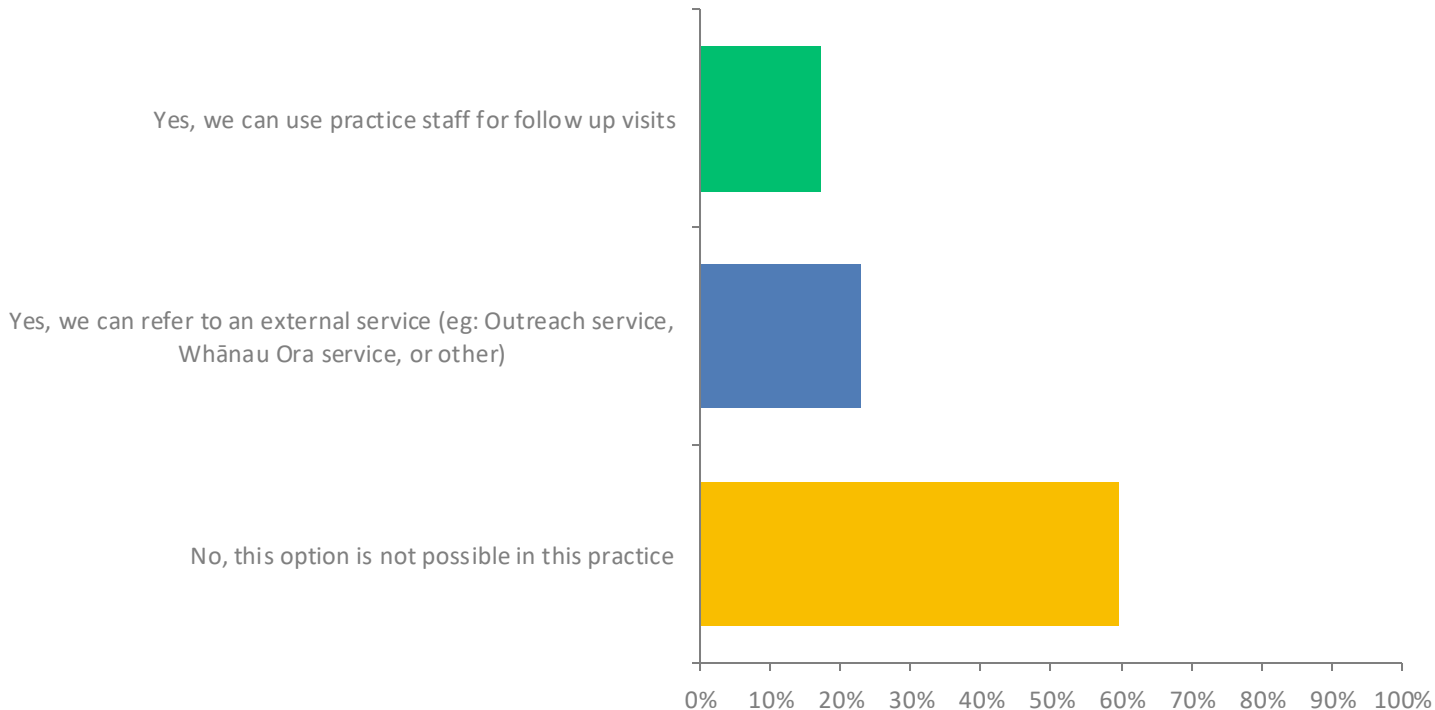
Check in with patients who have FIT kits requested to see if they have completed the test

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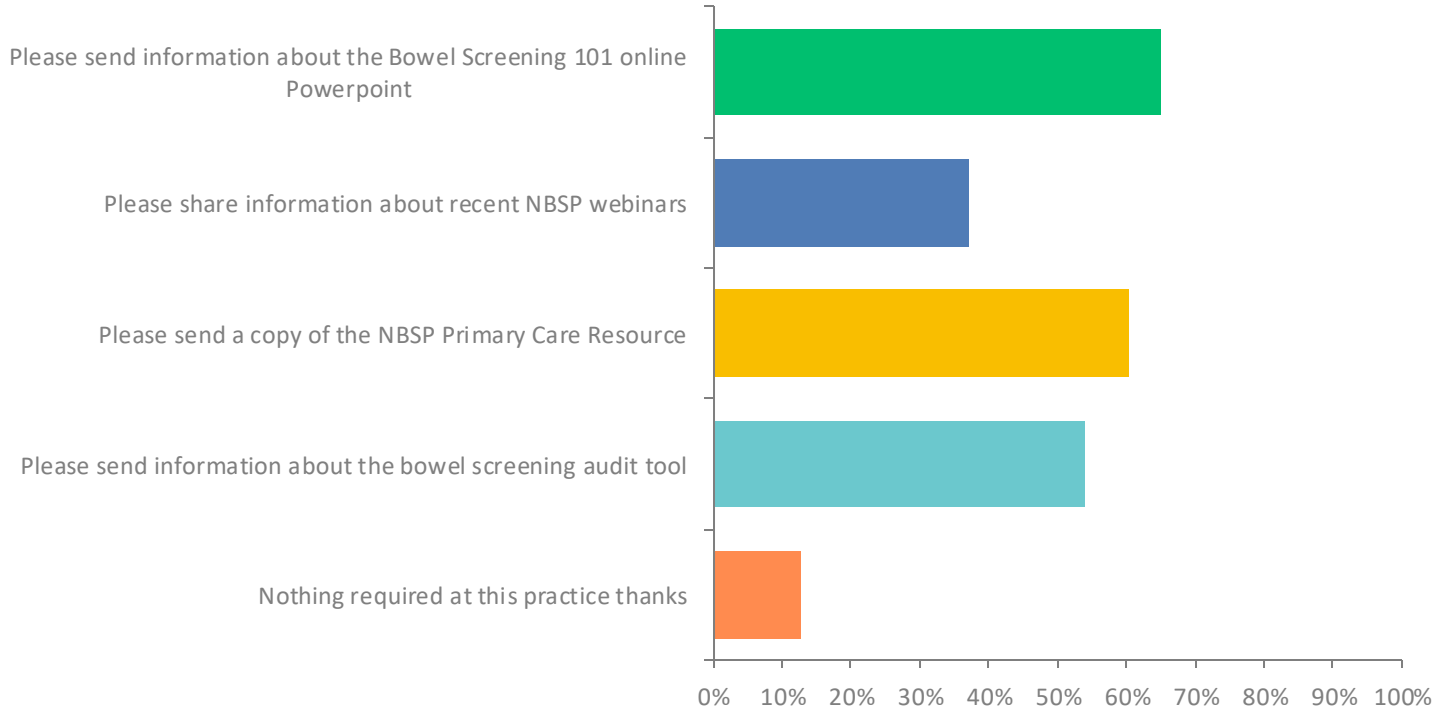
Access to follow up visiting options

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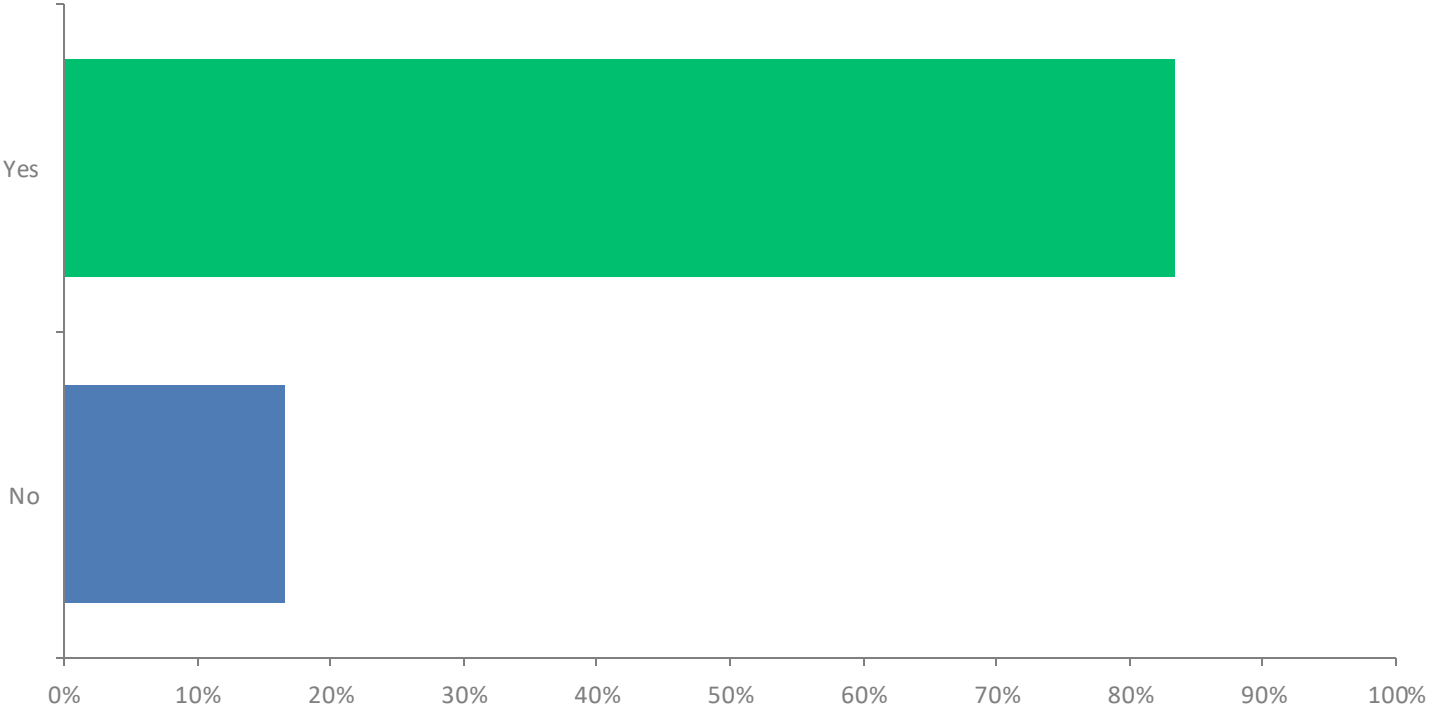
Interest in educational module

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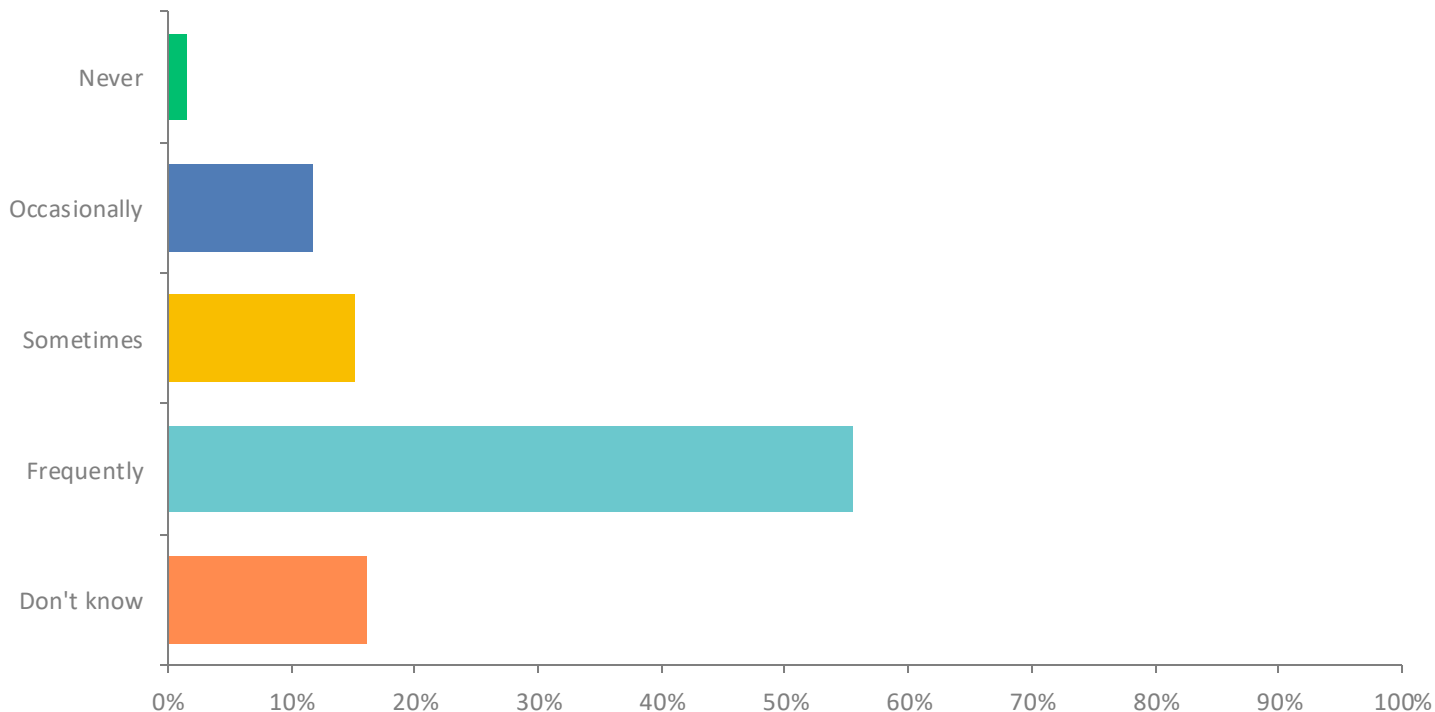
Access to a family history recording tool?

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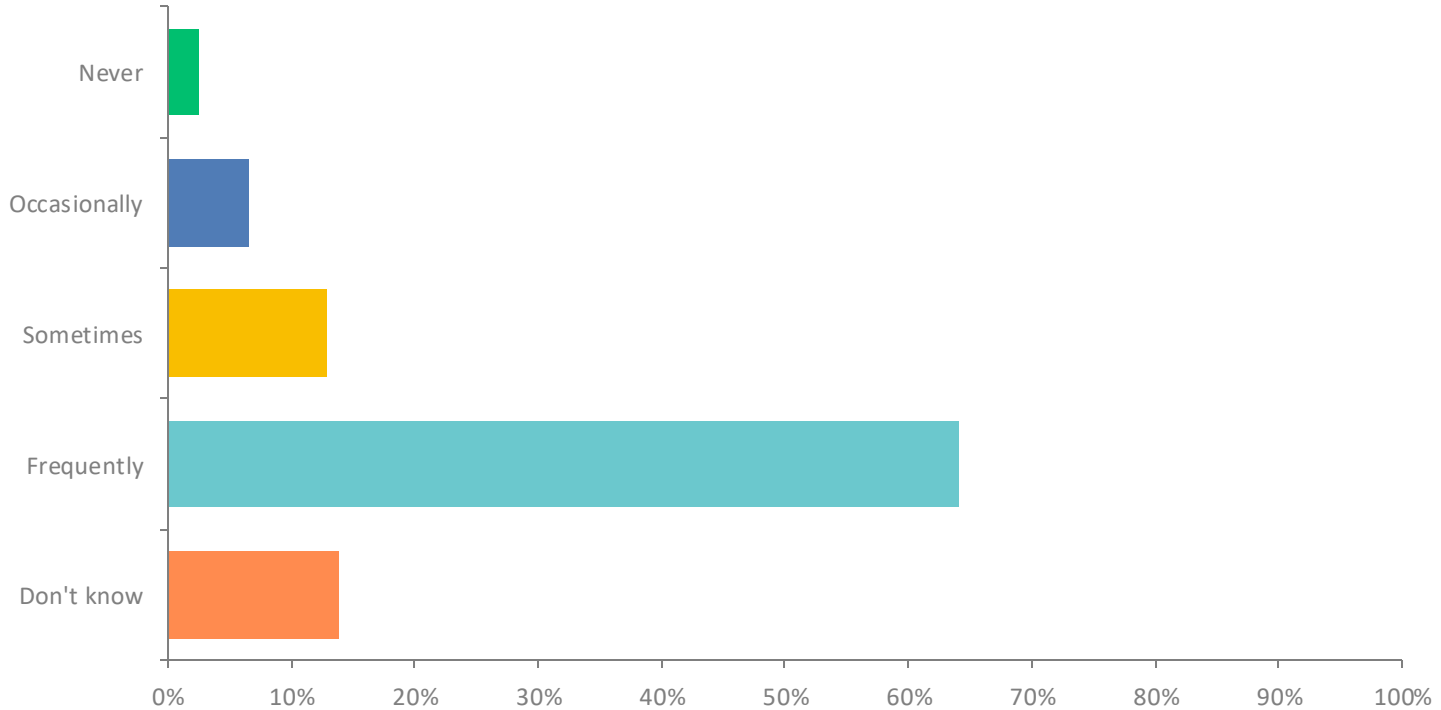
Recording of family history of bowel cancer

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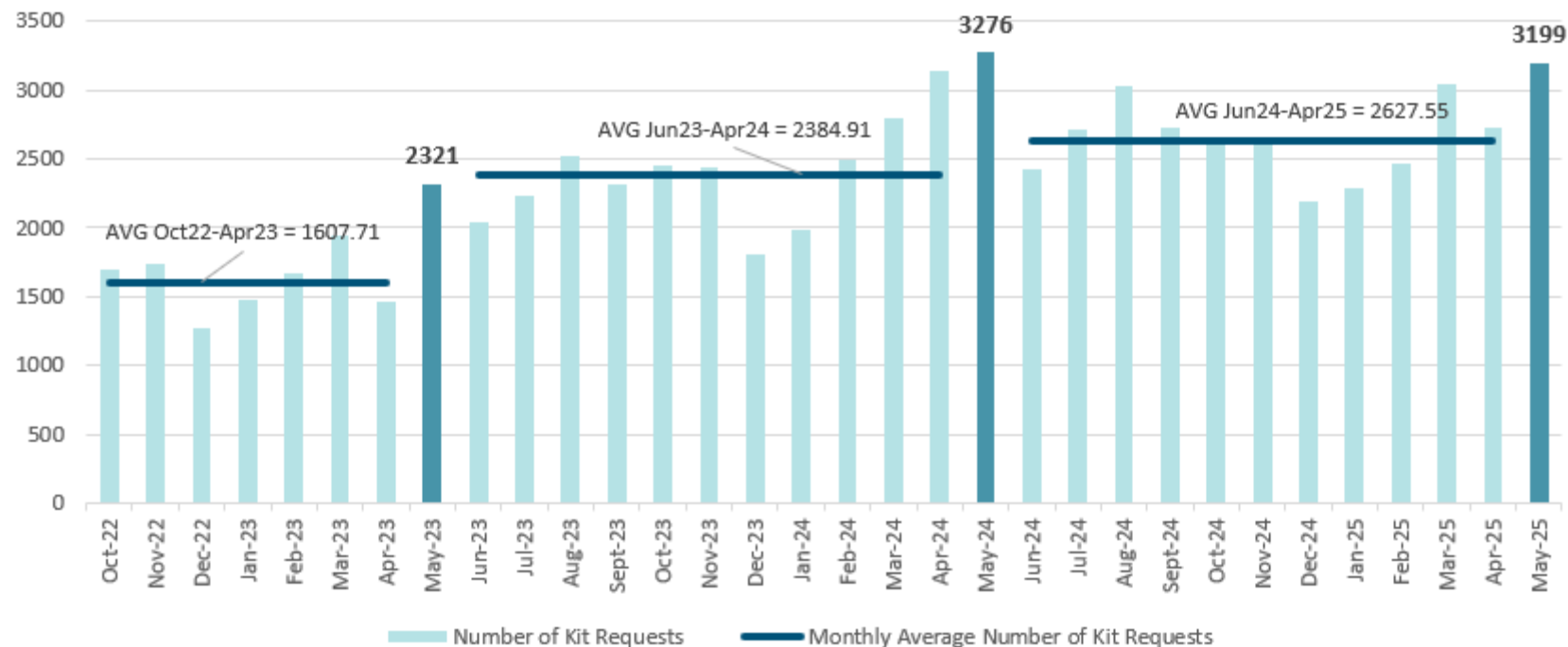


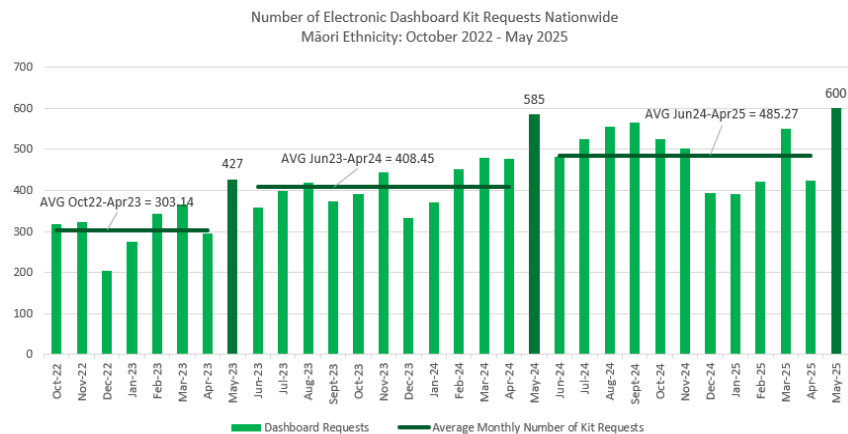
Classification of colonoscopy results?

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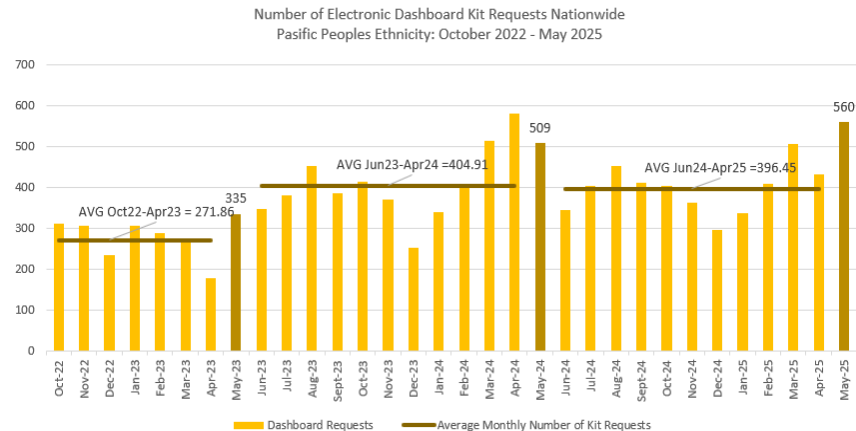


Number of Electronic Dashboard Kit Requests Nationwide
October 2022 - May 2025





Kit requests for Māori



Kit requests for Pasific peoples

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