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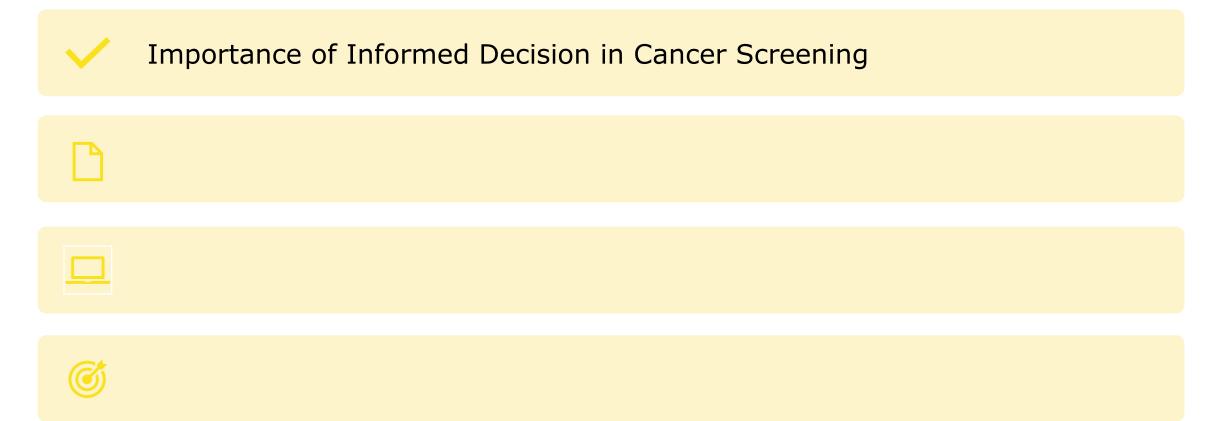
Less paper, more Informed Decision making?

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Background





Informed decision, information overload?





bevolkingsonderzoek

Gebruiksaanwijzing ontlastingstest

Belangrijk voordat u begint

De ontlastingstest is alleen voor u bedoeld

Op de ontlastingstest staat een streepjescode. In deze streepjescode zijn uw gegevens verwerkt. Daardoor weten wij dat deze ontlastingstest van u is. De test kan niet door iemand anders dan uzelf gebruikt worden. Doet u niet mee? Gooi dan de ontlastingstest weg in uw afvalbak (scheid het afval) en meld u af bij Bevolkingsonderzoek Nederland. Stuur geen lege test op.

Let op de temperatuur

We adviseren u om de test voor gebruik tussen 2 en 30 graden te bewaren. bijvoorbeeld in de koelkast.

Controleer de houdbaarheidsdatum

Op de ontlastingstest staat tot wanneer u deze kunt gebruiken (jaar - maand). Als de houdbaarheidsdatum is verstreken, wraagt u bij Bevolkingsonderzoek Nederland een nieuwe ontlastingstest aan. Het telefoonnummer en e-mailadres staan bovenaan de uitnodigingsbrief.

Stuur de ontlastingstest zo snel mogelijk op in de grijze envelop Het is belangrijk dat de ontlastingstest zo kort mogelijk onderweg is met de post. Verstuur de envelop daarom op maandag, dinsdag, woensdag of donderdag. Stuurt uide test op vrijdag, doe dat dan voor 17.00 uur. Dan wordt de envelop de volgende dag bij ons bezorgd. Houd wel rekening met feestdagen. U hoeft geen postzegel te plakken.



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- Importance of Informed Decision in Cancer Screening
- Enhancing Sustainability and Readability: Less Paper, Less Text?





Informed decision making

It's our responsibility to equip the public to enable an informed decision making process and outcome. So recklessly cutting down the brochure isn't our way to go.





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We needed more information

- What information do you need?
- How do you want to receive that information?
- Do you want the same information for each round of the screening?

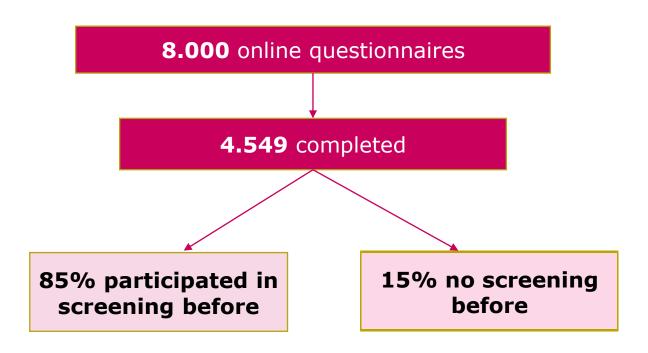


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- Understanding Target Group Needs for Effective Communication



I&O research performed a quantitative and qualitative research





Main result

> A large majority of the target group already makes the choice to participate or not before receiving the invitation.

Colorectal: 86%

Breast: 93%

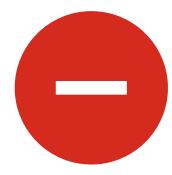
Cervical: **81%**



Insights in which information needed



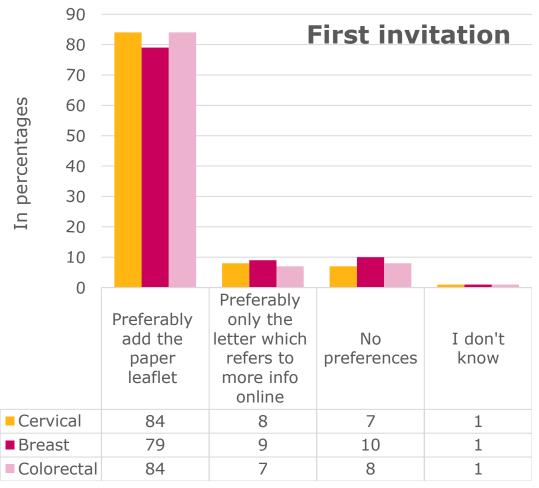
- Goal of the screening program
- Information about the disease
- Possible results and chances/risks
- Why am I invited
- How is the screening conducted
- How common is the disease/disorder

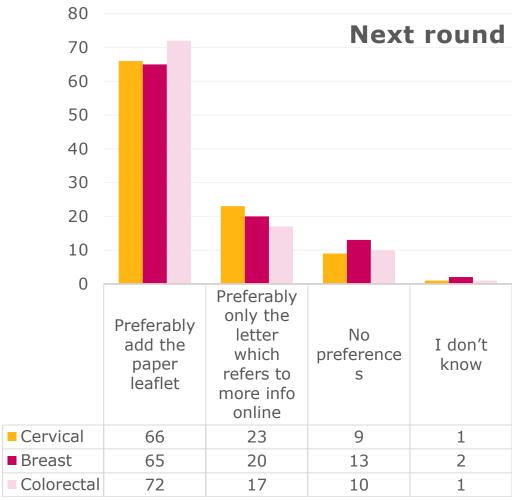


- Pros & cons of the screening
- Practical information
- Disease detection rate
- Compulsory vs. voluntary participation
- Costs



Is the paper leaflet still the way to go?





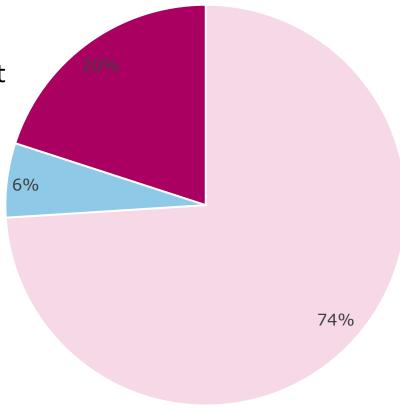


More results

Most people can make choice based on content

- In a subsequent round of the same screening:
 - Less information is needed.
 - The desired information also differs.

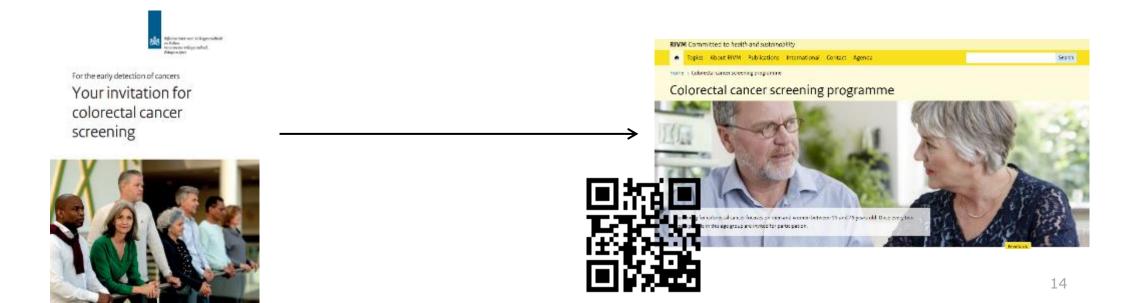
Average decision making based on contents





Conclusion quantative research

Paper isn't dying (yet)
Online becoming more popular for next rounds











Main research question part 2 (qualitative)

With the 'new' letter and leaflet, can readers make an informed choice about participating in cancer screening programs?





Results of qualitative research

- The survey did not suggest that the leaflet could be abolished altogether
- The simplified invitation leaflets and letters met the needs of the target audience
- The well-educated, in particular, indicated that they would be fine with references to the website
- This will not work as well for the low-literate. But this group also indicated that they found enough information in the smaller leaflets.



Next step

Find out: Is it technically possible to send smaller leaflets for people who participated before (BC and CRC)?



How much paper are we actually talking about?

Yearly paper consumption current situation: 9.752.263 A4's

Smaller leaflets:

Breast: 16 -> 8

Colorectal: 12 -> 4

Yearly paper consumption new situation: 5.772.136 A4

= 593meters ofstacked A4ssaved







Reality... From information overload to system





ACTION! In 2024:

- Complete leaflet first round
- > Smaller leaflet after first round

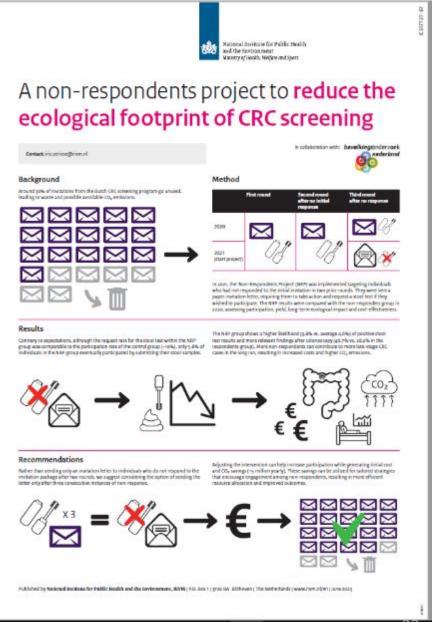
> Evaluate





Want to talk more about ideas to reduce environmental impact?

Check out my poster tomorrow





Thank you!

https://www.rivm.nl/en/population-screeningprogrammes

