

Variables	Characteristics	No. (%)
Age group ^a	50–59 years old	25 (7.1)
	60–69 years old	128 (36.7)
	70 years and above	196 (56.2)
Sex	Male	139 (39.7)
	Female	211 (60.3)
Ethnic group	Chinese	322 (92.0)
	Malay	13 (3.7)
	Others (Indians and others)	15 (4.3)
Education level	No formal education/primary	81 (23.1)
	Secondary	166 (47.4)
	High school equivalent (A level/diploma (ITE ^b /polytechnic ^c /private school)	57 (16.3)
	University/post-tertiary	44 (12.6)
	Others	2 (0.6)
Marital status	Single	55 (15.7)
	Married	266 (76.0)
	Divorced/separated/widowed	29 (8.3)
Current housing type	Public housing ^d	269 (76.9)
	Private housing ^e	81 (23.1)
Required to pay income tax last year (proxy for income)	No/not applicable	294 (84.0)
	Yes	56 (16.06)
Any medical subsidy received	No	23 (6.6)
	Yes	327 (93.4)
Medi Fund ^f assistance provided	No	325 (92.9)
	Yes	25 (7.1)
Awareness of CRC	No	37 (10.6)
	Yes	313 (89.4)
Awareness of screening for CRC	No	54 (15.4)
	Yes	296 (84.6)
History of CRC (FOBT/FIT or colonoscopy)	No	122 (34.9)
	Yes	228 (65.1)
(If no) Reasons for not going for screening (n=122, more than 1 option can be selected)	Absence of symptoms	58 (47.5)
	I do not know how to collect the FIT tests	2 (1.6)
	I am worried about the discomfort of the procedure	10 (8.2)

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	I am afraid it might be positive for cancer	10 (8.2)
	It feels embarrassing to do the test	1 (0.8)
	Lack of time	5 (4.1)
	I find it inconvenient to collect FIT test at community pharmacies	1 (0.8)
	Not aware of screening available	24 (19.7)
	Others	18 (14.8)
(If yes) Reasons for screening (n=228, more than 1 option can be selected)	Presence of symptoms	38 (16.7)
	Healthcare professionals' recommendation	57 (25.0)
	Through family and friend's recommendation	9 (3.9)
	Family history of CRC	6 (2.6)
	Personal history of other health problems	3 (1.3)
	Routine health check-up	95 (41.7)
	Publicity from media/healthcare institutions	30 (13.2)
	Given free FIT kit	15 (6.6)
(If yes) Location for collection of FIT kits (n=228, more than 1 option can be selected)	Others	9 (3.9)
	Primary care clinics or hospital	108 (47.4)
	Community pharmacy	45 (19.7)
	Collected directly from Singapore Cancer Society	1 (0.4)
	Requested for mailed FIT kit on the Singapore Cancer Society website	15 (6.6)
(If yes) Location of colonoscopy performed (n=228, more than 1 option can be selected)	Others	16 (7.0)
	Hospital	87 (38.2)

CRC: colorectal cancer; FIT: faecal immunochemical test; FOBT: faecal occult blood test; ITE: Institute of Technical Education

^a Total count does not tally due to missing data.

^b Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Advance Level: An internationally recognised university entrance examination that is conducted annually in Singapore.

^c ITE: A post-secondary educational institution, established by Singapore's Ministry of Education.

^d Public housing: Singapore's public housing system is managed by the Housing Development Board (HDB), and houses around 80% of Singapore's resident population. Public housing includes 1–5 rooms HDB flats.

^e Private housing includes private condominiums or houses, rental rooms or apartments, and maisonette or executive condominiums.

^f MediFund is Singapore's government endowment fund, meant to assist needy patients with their healthcare bills at public healthcare institutions.