

**Some other investigations that we may need to arrange for you:-**

**Faecal occult blood testing (FOBT)** – samples of your stool are tested for blood. It is inexpensive and easy to have done but it is not as accurate as other tests for detecting colon cancer.

**CT colonography** – an advanced CT scanner gives a detailed view of the colon. While the procedure is less expensive than colonoscopy, and is a viable alternative for some people depending on age and status of health, it is not capable of treating polyps or taking biopsies.

**DNA stool testing** – examines stools for genetic changes in cells shed from polyps. This is still being evaluated worldwide and it is not in common use.

**Barium follow through** - this X-ray examination of your small bowel will be performed by a technologist who is an expert in the use of X-ray equipment and a radiologist, who is a doctor specialising in medical diagnosis using X-rays.

**Barium Swallow** - this X-ray examination of your oesophagus (gullet), stomach and duodenum will be performed by a technologist who is an expert in the use of X-ray equipment, and a radiologist, who is a doctor specialising in medical diagnosis using X-rays.

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