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An appointment has been made for you at **Seymour Hospital, Bretonneux** Street, Seymour for a Colonoscopy .
Please contact Seymour Hospital the day prior to procedure to confirm admission time.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL 95095592 IMMEDIATELY-AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE- THE WAITING LIST IS APPROXIMATELY 5 MONTHS LONG AND FAILURE TO NOTIFY US WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING PLACED AT THE END OF THIS LIST OR REMOVED FROM THE WAITING LIST. PLEASE GO TO

You will receive your hospital paperwork in the mail soon.

You will be given an intravenous injection which will make the examination comfortable for you. **You will not therefore be able to drive home** yourself, although normal activities may be resumed the next day. You will be at the hospital for approximately three hours and hospital regulations request that you be taken home by a friend or relative, not in a taxi. It is advisable that you leave any valuables at home and not wear them on the day. Please also bring your medicare card with you on the day. Enclosed is an instruction sheet for your bowel preparation. The preparation can be purchased from your local pharmacy. **Please follow the instructions** carefully to enable good views to be obtained during the procedure.

If small polyps (benign growths) are identified during the examination, they will normally be removed by applying an electrical current known as diathermy. Other areas may have a small sample (biopsy) taken to be examined microscopically. If larger polyps are encountered, I will may not attempt removal on the first examination. I will discuss with you prior to attempting their removal at another time as there may be increased risk involved.

Please note: If you are diabetic- PLEASE call the rooms immediately to let them know. If you are taking iron tablets, please cease them three days before the examination. All blood pressure and heart medications should be taken as usual with a sip of water. Plavix and Iscover should be ceased 10 days prior to the procedure, but you must discuss this with your GP.

Routine colonoscopy is a safe procedure, though not entirely risk free. Rarely it can be complicated by damage to the bowel (perforation) which requires emergency surgery. This occurs in approximately 1 per 2000 examinations. Please feel free to ask questions of Mr. Simpson prior to your examination.

Please find further information enclosed as well as hospital paperwork which must be completed and returned to the hospital prior to your admission.

You should also contact the hospital on receipt of this letter on **5793 6100** to arrange a pre-admission appointment. If you have any queries, please contact Andii on 9509 5592.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul JB Simpson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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