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The Impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the Screening Programme in Slovenia

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Start of the pandemic in Slovenia

- Slovenia entered the pandemic approximately at the same time as other countries in the region
- The first cases were attributed to ‘travellers’ and ‘skiers’ as the period overlapped with winter school holidays
- First cases slowly trickled and were mostly rather isolated
- Epidemic was declared on 12 March 2020 and the first measures came into force on 16 March 2020
- First wave was not remarkable in Slovenia but ...
- The second wave resulted in 250,000 infected and around 4,000 deaths

Colorectal cancer screening during COVID-19 -1.



- Measures undertaken within health care to limit the pandemic excluded cancer from restrictions
- Very soon (within a couple of weeks) after the epidemic was declared, screening programmes came to a stand-still
- This was in particular felt with the CRC screening as the number of invited persons is so big
- The stand-still lasted from end of March until 11 May 2020 when the invitations to colonoscopies were re-established



Colorectal cancer screening during COVID-19 -2.



- Intense collaboration between the colonoscopy centres and the programme coordination team secured an intense restart and catch-up
- By the end of September all the backlog of colonoscopies was resolved and they returned back to the normal pace
- This was the result of successful management and trustful relationships of everyone involved
- Year 2020 was completed with the best participation outcomes overall – 64,7% and more than 10,000 colonoscopies performed



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May 20, 2021

The Svit program received the Prizma award

Yesterday, 19 May 2021, the Svit program received the Prizma award, a national professional award for the excellence of implemented communication programs in the field of public relations, awarded by the Slovenian ...

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March 26, 2021

Invitation to participate in a focus group

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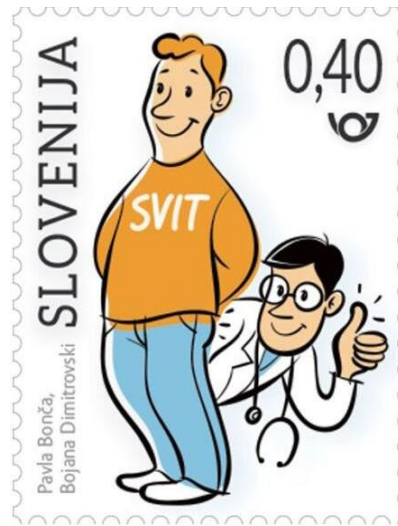


March 8, 2021

Despite covid-19, participating in the Svit Program is a wise decision

Ljubljana, 8 March 2021 - March is the international month of the fight against colon and rectal cancer, when we draw attention to the importance of prevention and early detection of the disease. The data show that in ...

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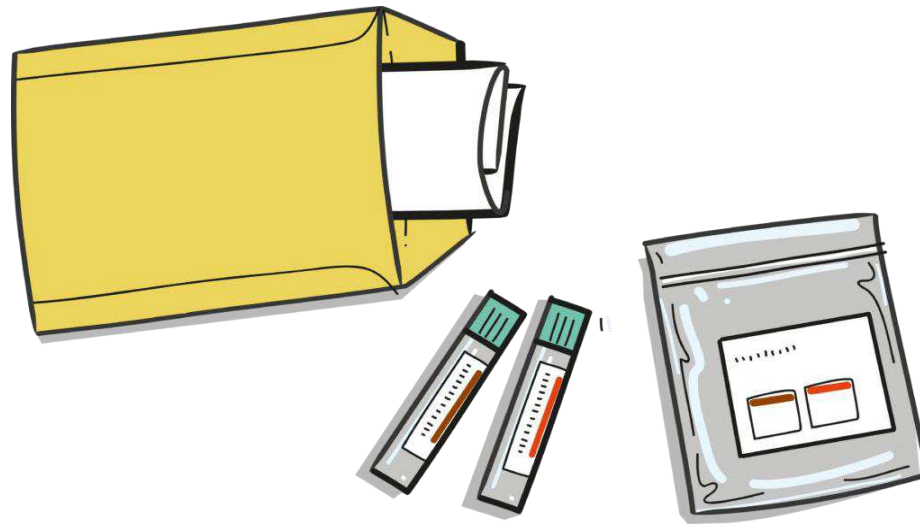


November 16, 2020

Issuance of a postage stamp with images of the Svit, Zora and Dora Programs

We are pleased that Pošta Slovenije has recognized the importance of screening programs and included the images of the Svit, Zora and Dora Programs on the new regular stamps. The stamps were released on November 13, 2020, more information about ...

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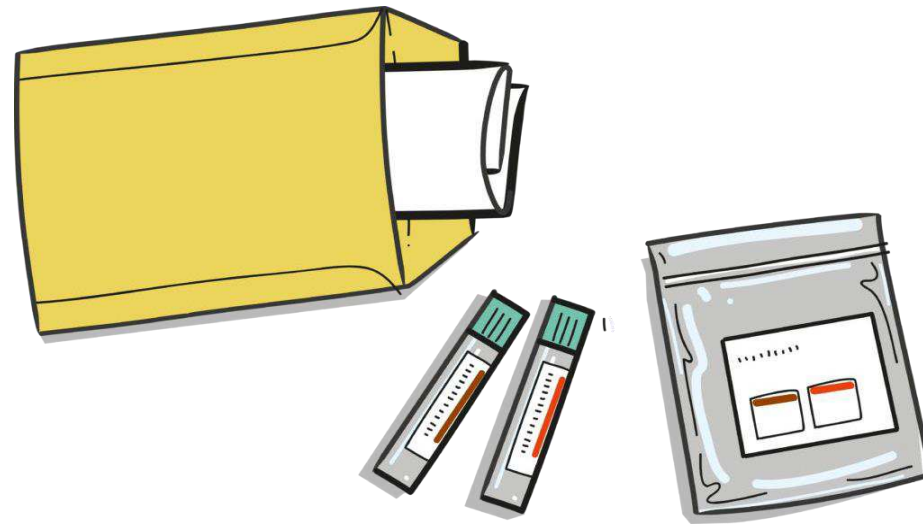


October 26, 2020

The Svit Club epidemic program COVID-19 continues to operate

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October 16, 2020

Despite COVID-19, the Svit program continues to operate

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