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1	Providing information to patients	BMJ
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1 Providing information to patients

BMJ. Vol 337. Page 306; 9 August 2008.

Patients consistently report that they require more information. This article reviews these needs and the need for patient centred information.

2 Interventions to help patients address their information needs

BMJ. Vol 337. Page 335; 9 August 2008

This study set out to assess the effects on patients, clinicians and the healthcare system of interventions before consultations to help patients and their representatives gather information by question asking.

3 Pilot backs bowel screening

Pulse. Vol 68. Issue 68 Page 8; 27 August 2008

Research indicates that the UK Bowel cancer Screening Programme can successfully detect early-stage cancers

4 Chewing gum can aid colon recovery

Nursing Times. Vol 104; Page 6. 26 August

Research has found that patients who had sugar-free gum three times a day after surgery took fewer days than non gum users to pass gas and open their bowels.