



National Pathology Week

2–8 November 2009



A free event to launch the publication *Making Sense of Screening* arranged by the Royal College of Pathologists and Sense About Science as part of a series of events for National Pathology Week

Making Sense of Screening

Weighing up the benefits and harms of health screening programmes

Screening has become an emotive and politicised subject with increased demands for screening programmes and frustration at the lack of funding available. Though there are high expectations of the benefits of screening, there is debate about the merits among scientists and policy makers centred on:

- What is a screening programme and how can it save lives?
- Can everyone benefit from screening?
- Is screening always the best option?
- Could screening cause more harm than good?
- Why don't we screen more people for more diseases?

Join in a panel debate with:

- Dr Martyn Loble, GP and columnist
- Dr Steve Smith, Consultant Clinical Biochemist and Director of Midlands & North West Bowel Cancer Screening Hub
- Dr Karin Denton, Consultant Pathologist
SW Regional Cervical Screening Quality Assurance Team
- Síle Lane, Sense about Science

Debate chaired by Professor Peter Furness, President of the Royal College of Pathologists

Tuesday 3 November 6.30-8.30

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