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CancerCare Manitoba Prevention & Screening



**Implementation of Centralized Fecal
Immunochemical Testing (FIT) for Colorectal
Cancer Screening**

Effective June 20, 2023:

The Test

- The fecal immunochemical test (FIT) has replaced the guaiac fecal occult blood test (gFOBT) for colorectal cancer screening in Manitoba.
 - ColonCheck is the sole provider of FIT kits to eligible Manitobans. Refer to the [ColonCheck Screening Guidelines](#) (pdf) for eligibility information.
 - Healthcare providers can request a FIT for their patients using the [Fecal Immunochemical Test \(FIT\) Requisition form](#) (pdf) available in their EMR or from the CancerCare Manitoba website.

Results

- FIT results will be communicated to healthcare providers by Cadham Provincial Laboratory.
- FIT results will be communicated to patients by ColonCheck.

Follow-Up

- Management of all follow-up testing will be done by ColonCheck.
- ColonCheck will provide a pre-colonoscopy health assessment, and make direct referrals to colonoscopy for patients who have an abnormal FIT result.
- Communication with the patient's healthcare provider will occur throughout this process.

Moving Forward

- The gFOBT has been removed from the Shared Health Body Fluid Requisition and Biochemistry Hematology Requisition forms. Patients will

be able to return gFOBT cards that were previously issued to Shared Health Labs until September 29, 2023, after which time they will be rejected.

- Dynacare will continue to accept gFOBT requests until September 29, 2023 and patients will be able to return gFOBT cards that were previously issued. After September 29th, all gFOBT requests will be rejected and an appropriate comment provided to get FIT. Going forward, gFOBT will be removed from new Dynacare Manitoba requisitions.
- Planning is underway to send FIT results electronically to eChart and EMRs in winter 2023/24.

How the Changes Benefit Patients

- Earlier detection of colorectal cancer, reducing mortality from the disease.
- Equitable access to colorectal cancer screening through a province-wide distribution strategy.
- Access to a more sensitive screening test.
- Easier to use test will increase patient compliance and participation in screening.

Supporting resources:

- [ColonCheck Screening Guidelines](#) (pdf)
- [Clinical Practice Change](#) (pdf)
- [Fecal Immunochemical Test \(FIT\) Requisition Form](#) (pdf)
- [Fecal Immunochemical Test \(FIT\) Requisition Completion Instructions](#) (pdf)
- [ColonCheck webinar recording](#) entitled *Is your patient fit for FIT? An overview of fecal immunochemical testing for colorectal cancer screening in Manitoba.*
- [CancerCare Manitoba Screening Information for Healthcare Providers](#)
- If you have questions email screening@cancercare.mb.ca



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