

Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT)

Information to Practices on the ordering of FIT kits and supporting documentation

How will we order the FIT kits and Patient information leaflets?

- FIT kits and Patient Information leaflets can be ordered through Family Practitioner Services consumables. [GP Stationery / Medical Consumables Ordering – FPS eBusiness \(healthandcareni.net\)](#)
- FIT Kits and Patient Information leaflets will be added to the consumables list from 28th June 2021. Stock codes: FIT kits – HBB003876 and FIT Leaflets – WPH001419

How many do I initially need to order?

- It is anticipated practices will need approximately 2 kits per month per 1000 patients. E.g. A practice of 4000 patients should order 8-10 FIT kits per month.
- Practices can order daily and supplies are distributed quickly; tests have an expiry date so we would encourage you to order as you need and not be tempted to stockpile. FIT kits can be ordered in singles the maximum number of kits per order is 50.
- Leaflets are ordered in packs of 25.
- Like other consumables there is no direct charge to GPs for leaflets or kits.

How should we store the FIT kits?

- The FIT kits should be stored at room temperature. They have an expiry date.

Are Patient Information Leaflets available in different languages?

- No not yet. Patient information leaflets will be available in different languages at a later date and we will let your practice know when these are available to download.

How do I find information for treatment room staff handing over FIT kits to patients?

- Information for treatment room staff handing over FIT kits can be found on the NICaN website [qFIT for lower GI symptoms | Northern Ireland Cancer Network \(hscni.net\)](#)

Where do I get information on FIT for healthcare professionals?

- There is a FAQ's document available for healthcare professionals can be found on the NICaN website [qFIT for lower GI symptoms | Northern Ireland Cancer Network \(hscni.net\)](#)

Where do I send completed FIT kit samples to?

- Completed FIT kit samples should be sent via the usual route to the local biochemistry laboratory in the next sample collection.
- The local laboratory will arrange transfer of the sample to the Northern Trust pathology department.
- The GP practice will need to advise patients to contact the practice for results and further management after 7 days of returning the sample.

How soon can the practice expect the results?

- GPs will be notified of the results through GP Lab link downloads within 2-3 working days from the date the sample is received at the Northern Trust pathology department.