



IMPORTANT UPDATE!

TO: All Health Care Providers

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RE: Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Availability and Patient Screening

As of Dec 13, 2017 , referral labs in BC resumed Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) testing.

- Previous issues with FIT testing reagents have been resolved and extra quality assurance practices are in place for further monitoring.

NH labs are accepting FIT requisitions and FIT samples again.

- Health care providers can resume ordering FIT tests again on average risk patients as previous.
- Colon screening guidelines remain the same.

Patients who had submitted FITs but were not processed will be recalled in January by the lab where they presented their requisition.

Patients who had submitted FIT samples that were processed, but no result was reported due to the reagent issue, will receive a letter from the referral lab who performed the test. A copy will also be sent to their ordering provider.

- The letter will outline further screening options for the patient based on the result produced during the time of the reagent problem.

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