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Re:	NH Memo – Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Collection Resumption

Effective immediately, LifeLabs will resume Fecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT). Northern Health (NH) Laboratories will resume the distribution and collection of FIT kits.

NH labs are accepting FIT requisitions and FIT samples again

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

Patients with a current laboratory requisition (not older than 12 months) and a non-expired FIT kit can proceed with sample collection and present to their local laboratory to drop off the sample.

Patients with a current laboratory requisition and without a kit or with an expired kit must contact their local laboratory and arrange to pick up a FIT kit.

Patients with an expired laboratory requisition (older than 12 months) must contact their health care provider to request a new requisition.

Specific laboratory outpatient collection information/instructions is under each [lab location](#) on NH's public website.

For further information or questions, please contact Lisette Vienneau, Regional Director of Diagnostic Services at Lisette.vienneau@northernhealth.ca