

Test Update: New Methodology for Fecal Occult Blood Testing

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NOTICE: Following a pandemic-related delay, effective 7/27/20 the test method for screening of the presence of blood in stool will change to the Hemosure One Step Immunologic Fecal Occult Blood Test (FIT test).

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

We are excited to offer a new assay for the screening of blood in stool: the **Hemosure One Step Immunologic Fecal Occult Blood Test (FIT test)**. We will be discontinuing the Guaiac-based fecal test (Test codes: SBLDB, SBLDS).

Blood in the stool is an indication of a number of gastrointestinal disorders, including colorectal cancer.

The FIT test requires only one specimen, and because it is specific to human hemoglobin, patients are not required to adhere to strict dietary or medication restrictions. The result is a more patient friendly test that is easier to complete.

Additionally, immunochemical FOB tests are more analytically sensitive than traditional Guaiac based methods. We will continue to accept the current test card until 8/27/20 to catch any that may have been distributed before the transition.

The new test codes are below:

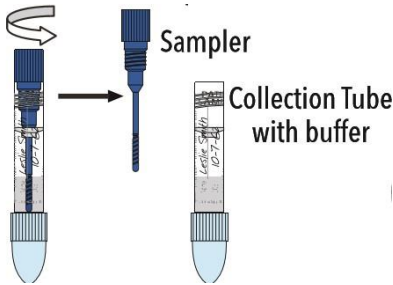
FHB: Fecal Hemoglobin Blood Screens (screens are reimbursed only once annually by Medicare & some insurance companies)

FHBD: Fecal Hemoglobin Blood Diagnostic

Specimen Requirements:

Specimens should not be collected from patients with menstrual bleeding, bleeding hemorrhoids, constipation bleeding or urinary bleeding. A minimum of 0.5 mL of stool is required, and must be placed in the collection kit provided by Regional Pathology Services and **returned to the clinic for delivery to the lab**. This kit can be ordered on the RPS supply website KIT_30 or by calling client services at 402-559-6420.

Kit specimens must be received in the lab within 6 days of the patient's collection date. Ensure the patient enters the collection date and time on the collection tube as shown below.



Patient collection instructions in English and Spanish are below:

https://www.quidel.com/sites/default/files/product/documents/1133207_PIFU_QV_iFOB_rvA_WEB.pdf

Interface Build:

Please deactivate the Guaiac-based fecal tests, Occult Blood, Stool (Test codes: SBLDB and SBLDS).

The new codes are below:

OrderCode	OrderName	ResultCode	ResultName	ResultUnits	LOINC	CPT
FHB	GI FECAL HEMOGLOBIN BLD/STOOL	FIT	FECAL IMMUNOASSAY TEST SCREEN		29771-3	82274
FHBD	FECAL HGB DIAGNOSIS	FITD	FECAL IMMUNO TEST/DX			82274

If you have any questions or issues with these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.