

Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) Information to Practices on the ordering of FIT kits and supporting documentation

How do we order the FIT kits and Patient information leaflets? (Updated 06.08.21)

- FIT kits and Patient Information leaflets can be ordered through Family Practitioner Services consumables. [GP Stationery / Medical Consumables Ordering – FPS eBusiness \(healthandcareni.net\)](http://healthandcareni.net)
- FIT Kits and Patient Information leaflets were added to the consumables list from 28th June 2021. Stock codes: qFIT COLLECTION PICKER (For Symptomatic Use)– HBB003876 and FIT Patient Leaflets – WPH001419
- Patient leaflets can also be printed at <https://nican.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FIT-Patient-Information-Leaflet-June2021.pdf>
- FIT kits can be ordered in singles and the maximum number of kits per order is 50. **Please note tests have an expiry date so we would encourage you to order as you need and not be tempted to stockpile.**

How quickly will my order arrive? (Updated 06.08.21)

- Practices can order daily and supplies are distributed quickly. Orders should usually reach you within 7 days or less depending on the delivery cycle associated with your address. If orders are not received before the cycle cut-off they are processed and sent in the next week's delivery. Practices can contact BSO if they are unsure of their schedule for ordering and delivery – the Customer Helpline Number is 028 95 361301

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 \(hscni.net\)](http://nican.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 \(hscni.net\)](http://nican.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.