

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 \(healthandcareni.net\)](http://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?(Updated 10.5.22)

- It is anticipated practices will need approximately 2 kits per month per 1000 patients.
- Fit kits are now available to order in batches of 50 only.
- 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?(Updated 10.5.22)

- Yes, the patient information leaflets are available in 14 languages and can be downloaded from the NICaN website [qFIT Patient Information Leaflets / NICaN \(hscni.net\)](http://hscni.net)

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://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://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.