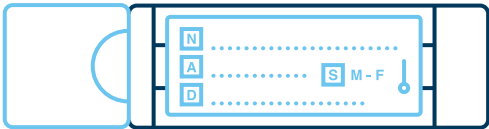


FAST FACTS

FIT for Clinicians

TEST

FIT should be requested in all patients with symptoms of colorectal cancer (except anal or rectal mass or anal ulceration), including those with rectal bleeding. A referral should be made if the test is positive.



SAMPLES

Patients may worry about the practicalities of collecting a sample. Take time to talk them through what to do.



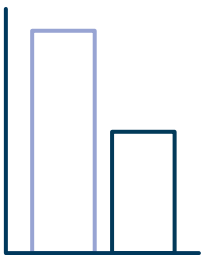
Remember



Use the correct container and label appropriately.

SCREENING THRESHOLDS

The threshold for FIT in screening in England is 120 µg/g, compared to a threshold of 10 µg/g for symptomatic patients. Do not be reassured by a negative screening test in a symptomatic patient.



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Faecal Immunochemical Test

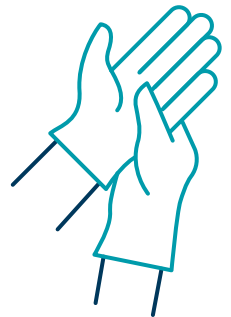
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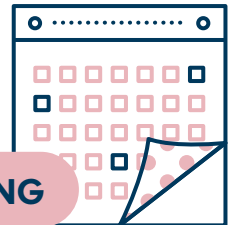
EXAMINATION

Patients should be referred on a colorectal suspected cancer pathway without FIT if they have an anal or rectal mass, or anal ulceration. It is vital that all patients are examined, including DRE.



SAFETY NETTING

Consider formal safety netting processes to ensure samples are returned and results are acted on.



Remember



FIT does not exclude other cancers and a small percentage of patients with a negative FIT will have colorectal cancer. Ensure patients are given clear safety netting instructions and consider referring patients with persistent symptoms.