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Re: Updates to MedLab Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) reporting and reminder regarding sample acceptance process

Dear Colleague,

- As part of our ongoing review of reference intervals and interpretive comments, MedLab Pathology is updating the interpretive comment for FIT results. The comment below will be appended to all reports from **14 December 2020** onwards.

FIT (Haemoglobin) is not a diagnostic test but can be used as an aid to screening for CRC. The threshold value applied to initiate further investigation is dependent on the clinical history and findings.

A result <100 ng/mL does not exclude malignancy.

A result >50 ng/mL may require further investigation in a symptomatic patient.

For further information please refer to: www.nice.org.uk/guidance/dg30

- We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that FIT samples received without a confirmed date of collection (DOC) cannot be analysed until this information is received. Samples are stable for a maximum of 10 days after collection, if the query is not resolved within this timeframe the sample is no longer viable for analysis and will be discarded and a repeat sample will be requested.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 303 349 or email us at info@medlabpathology.ie.

Kind regards,



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