

Are you using the right qFIT kit?

 Public Health Agency

Please read the following to ensure you are using the correct qFIT (quantitative Faecal Immunochemical Test) test kit. There are important clinical implications of using the appropriate test.

Bowel Cancer Screening qFIT (white cap)



- Offered to patients aged 60-74
- Bowel screening tests are posted directly out to participants and returned to lab via freepost
- Do not use the screening test for patients with bowel symptoms or submit with a clinical request form

i If a patient contacts the GP practice to request a replacement screening test please ask them to contact the free screening helpline on 0800 0152514 where they can request a replacement test and/or envelope

i If a patient provides a completed bowel screening kit to the practice they should be advised that the practice cannot accept the sample. Such patients should be signposted to the screening helpline on 0800 0152514

Symptomatic kit (blue cap)



- This test should be used for patients with symptoms and submitted with a clinical request form
- Do not return completed symptomatic kits to the lab in a screening return envelope

If there is any confusion as to whether a test was intended to be submitted/processed as a screening or symptomatic test, the test will not be processed, which may lead to delays for ongoing assessment.

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