



Partner Update

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Changes to Occult Blood Testing – Ontario Only

Audience

Healthcare providers and hospitals requesting Occult Blood Testing.

Overview

The Dynacare vision is to be Canada's health and wellness solutions leader. Effective September 16th, 2024, Dynacare will stop processing orders for the guaiac Fecal Occult Blood (gFOBT) test. Dynacare will continue to offer the Fecal Occult Blood Immunochemical Test (FIT) for the detection of fecal occult blood.

Details

The FIT test uses immunochemical technology to determine if there is gastrointestinal bleeding and has a sensitivity of 100% and a specificity of 99% for blood in the stools. The detection limit for the FIT test is 100 ng/mL where a test result ≤ 100 ng/mL is a negative test and a result >100 ng/mL is a positive test. This clinical performance is much higher than the traditional gFOBT and, unlike the traditional FOBT, the FIT has no dietary or medicinal restrictions. The FIT also has the advantage of requiring just one stool sample to be collected. In addition, the FIT test has replaced the gFOBT test in many colorectal screening programs.

For the reasons given above, the gFOBT test will be discontinued and will be replaced by the FIT for any fecal occult blood orders.

The FIT test is not covered by OHIP and is patient-pay and should only be ordered for patients **who are not eligible** for the provincial colorectal screening program.

Action Required

Please review any current inventory of gFOBT collection kits that you have on hand to manage the amount you will need until September 14th, 2024. Inform your patients that any gFOBT kits given to them must be submitted to a Dynacare Laboratory and Health Services Centre by September 14th, 2024, in order to be processed.

Questions about the Change?

If you have any questions regarding this change or require any further information, please contact Customer Care at 800.565.5721 or your Dynacare Account Manager.

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