

Legacy Laboratory Services

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An Important Update from Legacy Laboratory Services

Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)
FECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL OCCULT BLOOD
Mnemonic: FE IOB
Supply# 372280

Ordering and Handling of FIT Specimens

Legacy Laboratory Services now offers the OC-Auto FIT screening method for hemoglobin in stool. The specimen card has been replaced by a specimen collection vial. This simplifies the collection process enhancing patient compliance. To assure efficient specimen receipt, processing and results reporting, please follow the instructions below.



- Supply ordering: Test kit mailers are available through LLS supply distribution or, within Legacy Health, through Lawson.
 - Fecal Immunochemical Mailer Supply #: 372280
- Test kit mailer
 - Complete upper left-hand corner of the return mailer with practice name, account number and ordering physician
 - Include requisition with complete patient, billing and order information
 - Legacy Health Epic users may submit an electronic future lab collect order
 - Instruct patient to add collection date to vial and mailer
- Test kit vial
 - Specimen vial must be labeled in accordance with LLS' labeling requirements
 - Please refer to specimen labeling requirement on the reverse page
 - Improperly labeled specimens will be discarded and testing cancelled

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Legacy Laboratory Services Specimen Labeling Requirements

Improving the accuracy of patient identification is one of the National Patient Safety Goals as implemented by The Joint Commission (TJC) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP). This goal requires two identifiers on each patient specimen. Please note:

1. Specimens not labeled according to the requirements below will not be accepted for testing by our laboratory.
2. A client service representative will notify your office concerning any specimen labeling issues.
3. Irretrievable specimen labeling issues will be referred to a pathologist for consultation with the ordering provider.

Before collection, verify each item of the patient's identity. Avoid distractions and interruptions. Concentrate solely on the labeling and handling process. Label all specimens immediately after collection. Complete all paperwork at the time the specimen is obtained from the patient. **Print legibly** and always label with indelible ink.

Thank you for your assistance in preventing patient care errors due to specimen mislabeling. **Specimen Labeling Requirements**

Always label samples **at the time of collection in the presence of the patient.**

Use a minimum of **two patient identifiers** on every sample submitted for testing.

Required patient identifiers include Patient Full Legal Name (First and Last) **AND** at least one additional identifier:

- Patient Date of Birth (DOB) **or**
- Last four digits of Social Security Number **or**
- Numbered Requisition Label

Specimens submitted on slides must have patient full legal name (first and last) and one additional identifier **on each slide**. The container holding the slides should also have two acceptable patient identifiers.

For your convenience, Legacy requisitions have adhesive labels printed with a unique identifying number. Please print the patient's full legal name on this label and attach to the specimen. **Last name and first initial are not acceptable.**

Blood Bank Specimen Labeling Requirements

All specimen labels must include the following:

- Patient Full Legal Name (First and Last)
- Patient Date of Birth (DOB)
- Date and Time of Collection
- Initials of Person Collecting the Specimen
- Last four digits of Social Security Number (if available)

See [Blood Bank Specimen Collection Guidelines](#) for more information.