

No Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Attached To Referral Secondary Care Protocol

Referral arrives in secondary care with no FIT attached

Day 0: FIT Coordinator to contact GP to check if FIT requested.
FIT Requested?

Yes, but no result available

Within 24 hours: FIT Coordinator to contact lab within 24 hours to chase FIT result / gather early signal if sample incorrectly completed / missing.

If sample is incorrectly completed/ labelled / DOB missing, FIT Coordinator to issue second kit to patient with an ask to return it to GP within 48 hours.

Day 2: Contact patient after **day 2** offering a reminder to complete the FIT.

Day 7: If no FIT result within 7 days of the referral, LGI teams to progress pathway with investigations: triage for endoscopy, invite to clinic etc.

**No -
No FIT requested**

Within 24 hours: FIT Coordinator to contact patient, inform patient that this is first stage of the pathway and issue kit to patient with an ask to return it to GP within 48 hours.

Day 2: Contact patient after **day 2** offering a reminder to complete the FIT.

Within 24 hours: Simultaneously feedback to GP:
*Dear Dr xxx
Thank you for referring (add patient name) on the suspected colorectal cancer two week wait pathway. We wish to bring to your attention that this referral was not accompanied by a FIT result for this patient.*

As you are aware, current guidance to primary care mandates that all patients who are referred on this pathway will have a FIT result included in the referral. There are exceptions only for those with anal or rectal mass or anal ulceration.

If you have already initiated the FIT for this patient and results are awaited, then our pathway navigator team will chase up the results.

Note: FIT Coordinator to record completion of FIT as per the GM return and have the ability to identify, collate and report on GP Practices not providing FIT results with referrals to the cancer commissioning manager in the locality (formerly CCG).

Lab processing standards: FIT samples processed within 24 hours for samples received by the lab Mon-Thurs, 72 hours for samples received on a Fri.