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New Test Name: Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)

Test Code: LAB3049090

Effective: 7/17/18

USPSTF, ACS and ACG recommend age-based colorectal cancer screening. Your WVU Medicine Laboratories (JMC and BMC) offer a Polymedco product, an FDA-approved Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) with high sensitivity and specificity for detection of colorectal neoplasms. FIT offers increased specificity in comparison to current DNA-based screening methods, and the methodology is free from dietary interference inherent to traditional guaiac-based occult blood tests. However, FIT is not intended to replace guaiac FOB cards in screening for active GI bleeds.

FIT is a relatively low cost annual colorectal screening option that patients can collect at home and mail (postage paid) directly to the JMC laboratory for testing. JMC will analyze the test for both laboratories and report directly to EPIC Results. When documenting Health Maintenance in EPIC, select the modifier for FIT screening to update the reminder for one year.

Contact the JMC laboratory (304-728-1759) for FIT procedure and/or kits (collection vial, instructions, mailer, etc.). If your office was not contacted by Jamie Noyes from Polymedco and you would like a brief inservice specific to this FIT product please contact Josh Mongold, JMC Laboratory Manager, at 304-728-1659 or jmongold@wvumedicine.org.