

# Laboratory News

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## Upcoming Changes to Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Collection Device

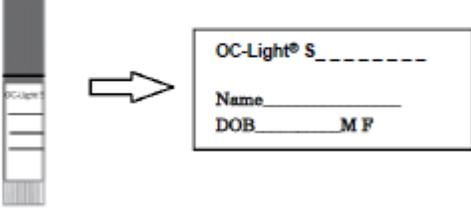
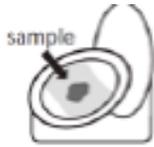
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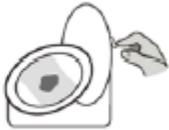
**Effective March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) Polymedco OC-Auto collection device will be converted to Polymedco OC-Light S FIT.**

Current Collection Device	Future Collection Device starting March 23rd
Polymedco OC- Auto	Polymedco OC- Light S FIT
 The image shows the Polymedco OC-Auto FIT collection device. It consists of a white plastic tube with a green cap and a green applicator tip. The tube has a label with fields for Patient Name, Date, and a Polymedco logo.	 The image shows the Polymedco OC-Light S FIT collection device. It is a small, white plastic tube with a green cap. The tube has a label with fields for Name, DOB, Date, and a Polymedco logo.

# Collection Guidelines

Patients must follow the collection guidelines:

Step	Action
1.	<p>Fill in all required information on the Sampling Bottle.</p>  <p>The diagram shows a vertical sampling bottle on the left. An arrow points to a rectangular label on the right. The label contains the following text: "OC-Light® S" followed by a dashed line, "Name" followed by a horizontal line, and "DOB" followed by a horizontal line and "M F".</p>
2.	<p>Place supplied collection paper inside toilet bowl on top of water.</p>  <p>The diagram shows two toilet bowls. The left one has a grey collection paper being placed on top of the water. The right one shows the paper already floating on the water.</p>
3.	<p>2. Deposit stool sample on top of collection paper.</p>  <p>The diagram shows a toilet bowl with a grey collection paper floating on the water. A dark grey stool sample is being deposited onto the paper. The word "sample" is written above the stool.</p>
4.	<p>Collect sample from stool before paper sinks and stool sample touches water.</p>  <p>The diagram shows a toilet bowl with a grey collection paper floating on the water. A dark grey stool sample is on the paper. A collection tool is being used to collect a sample from the stool.</p>
5.	<p>Open green cap by turning to the left and pulling upwards.</p>  <p>The diagram shows the sampling bottle tilted. The green cap is being pulled upwards and to the left, away from the bottle.</p>

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6.	<p data-bbox="256 247 964 277">Scrape the surface of the fecal sample with the sample probe.</p> <div data-bbox="321 289 513 600">  </div> <div data-bbox="646 331 896 449">  </div> <p data-bbox="613 466 959 550">Scrape the surface of the stool <u>widely</u> or stab it at 5-6 different points.</p> <p data-bbox="256 709 943 768">Cover the grooved portion of the sample probe completely with stool sample.</p> <div data-bbox="263 806 532 1020">  </div> <p data-bbox="597 835 948 953">Loose stool sample should be collected in the same way by completely covering the grooved portion of the probe.</p>
7.	<p data-bbox="256 1092 766 1167">Close Sampling Bottle by inserting the sample probe and screwing cap on tightly to the right. Do not reopen.</p> <div data-bbox="824 1075 1065 1302">  </div>
8.	<p data-bbox="256 1360 667 1415">Flush. Collection paper is biodegradable and will not harm septic systems.</p> <div data-bbox="727 1352 896 1482">  </div>
9.	<p data-bbox="256 1570 1312 1646">Sample can be stored for up to 15 days at room temperature (20-30°C) or refrigerated (2-8°C) for up to 30 days.</p>
10.	<p data-bbox="256 1707 1240 1782">Submit sample to the nearest Marshfield Clinic facility or send via mail if mailer was provided.</p>

*Please note: If you have Polymedco OC -Auto collection devices on hand, please discard.*

## Questions

For questions, please contact the Microbiology and Molecular Pathology laboratory at 715-221-6141.