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Upcoming Changes to Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Collection Device

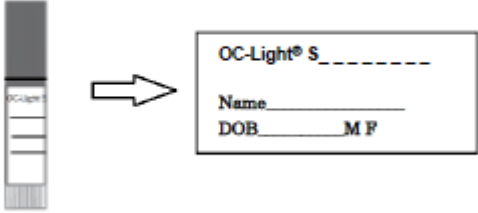
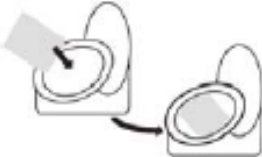
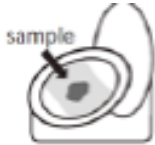
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Effective March 23rd, 2026, the fecal immunochemical test (FIT) Polymedco OC-Auto collection device will be converted to Polymedco OC-Light S FIT.

Current Collection Device	Future Collection Device starting March 23rd
Polymedco OC- Auto	Polymedco OC- Light S FIT
	

Collection Guidelines

Patients must follow the collection guidelines:

Step	Action
1.	Fill in all required information on the Sampling Bottle. 
2.	Place supplied collection paper inside toilet bowl on top of water. 
3.	2. Deposit stool sample on top of collection paper. 
4.	Collect sample from stool before paper sinks and stool sample touches water. 
5.	Open green cap by turning to the left and pulling upwards. 

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6.	Scrape the surface of the fecal sample with the sample probe.   Scrape the surface of the stool <u>widely</u> or stab it at 5-6 different points. Cover the grooved portion of the sample probe completely with stool sample.  Loose stool sample should be collected in the same way by completely covering the grooved portion of the probe.
7.	Close Sampling Bottle by inserting the sample probe and screwing cap on tightly to the right. Do not reopen. 
8.	Flush. Collection paper is biodegradable and will not harm septic systems. 
9.	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.
10.	Submit sample to the nearest Marshfield Clinic facility or send via mail if mailer was provided.

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.