

The GP Surgeries

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Change in coding of Faecal Occult Blood testing results

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the communications issued last year about the improvements in the lab testing for faecal occult blood, the time has come to change the codes used to send them to you.

Instead of this code:

▲ SNOMED CT/Read V2. Release v134	.1
▲ Laboratory procedures	4
▲ Examination of faeces	47
▲ Faecal occult blood test	479

From 1st February, 2018 you will now be sent your results using this code:

▲ SNOMED CT/Read V2. Release v134	.1
▲ Laboratory procedures	4
▲ Examination of faeces	47
Quantitative faecal immunochemical test	47K

You can read more about the evidence for this new test and its role in the NICE guideline here at <http://occg.info/NICE-FIT>

Please consider any changes that might be necessary to searches, templates or alerts you may have programmed that make use of the code.

Yours sincerely



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