

Fecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) Specimen Identification Requirements

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To improve Patient Safety, Beaumont Laboratory is requesting that Physician offices complete the yellow Patient Identification Card prior to distributing the FIT kit/envelope to patients.

We ask this because patients may not understand the importance of including the information when returning the kits to the laboratory. When no card is received we are unable to properly identify patients in our database.

We have found that:

- Patients are not including the yellow card with their specimen.
- Patient identity cannot be properly confirmed with information on the specimen.
- Patients often use nicknames (Bob, Tom, etc.) making identification difficult.
- Writing on the specimen label may smear, making it difficult to identify the patient.

The yellow **Patient Identification Card** also:

- Serves as the physician order for testing from the physician.
- Provides the diagnosis which is essential to bill for testing.

Specimens received without the Patient Identification Card may not be tested if Beaumont Laboratory cannot identify the specimen. Unidentifiable specimens will be held in the lab for 30 days.

The image shows a yellow form titled "FIT Patient Identification Card". It contains several fields for patient and physician information, including a collection date box, full name, date of birth, address (street, city, state, zip), phone number, and physician name. There are also checkboxes for "Screening V76.51/Z12.11" and "Diagnostic". The form number "2670 030915 R" is printed at the bottom.

FIT Kit supply orders will be limited to 40 per order per client per day. Please expect a 48 hour turn around time on fulfillment of orders.

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).
Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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