



# Ontario Health

Cancer Care Ontario

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that on July 1, 2026, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will introduce updates to the ColonCancerCheck program, including a new laboratory service provider, a new fecal immunochemical test (FIT) device and several program changes that reflect the evolving evidence on colorectal cancer.

ColonCancerCheck will implement the following program changes:

- Average risk participants will start screening with FIT at age 45 (previously age 50).
- New family history recommendations will ensure that participants get the most appropriate screening test based on their level of colorectal cancer risk.

Several important process changes will also be introduced:

- ColonCancerCheck is switching from LifeLabs to In-Common Laboratories (ICL) for the distribution and testing of all program-related FITs. More information on working with ICL can be found in the frequently asked questions.
- A new FIT requisition for use with ICL, the new laboratory.
- A new FIT device will be used. Before go-live, you will get a sample of the new FIT device for demonstration purposes.

Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) is working with OntarioMD-certified electronic medical record (EMR) vendors to make FIT results available directly in your EMR. Because not all OntarioMD-certified EMR vendors will offer this functionality at launch, FIT results will be sent by fax in the interim. If EMR is your preferred reporting method, please indicate which EMR you are using by completing the form at [iclabs.ca/FIT/reports](https://iclabs.ca/FIT/reports). If you complete this form, ICL will switch your reporting method from fax to EMR once the feature is available.

Resources to help you prepare for these changes are available at [ontariohealth.ca/coloncancercheckhub](https://ontariohealth.ca/coloncancercheckhub), including:

- FIT requisition form and instructions (do not start using until July 1, 2026)
- ColonCancerCheck Guide to Colorectal Cancer Screening in Ontario
- Frequently Asked Questions for Primary Care Providers

In addition, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) will be offering webinar sessions prior to launch for primary care providers:

- **Webinar 1: May 26, 5:00-6:00 pm**
  - [Registration link](#)
- **Webinar 2: June 10, 7:30-8:30 am**
  - [Registration link](#)

If you have any questions about ColonCancerCheck, please contact Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) toll free at 1-866-662-9233 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday or email us at [cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca). You can also contact ICL at 1-833-FIT-POOP (1-833-348-7667) or visit [iclabs.ca/FIT](http://iclabs.ca/FIT).

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the ColonCancerCheck program.

Sincerely,



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