



Ascension

Guide for Occult Blood Stool Orders

Ascension Sacred Heart Laboratories

Outpatient: Outpatient occult blood tests are done primarily for the purpose of screening for colon cancer. The CPT code (billing code) is for up to 3 cards. The orderable "**Occult Blood, Stool X3 Neoplasm Screen**" can be ordered regardless of if the patient sent in one, two or three cards. Only one is required in order to complete this order.

Inpatient/ED: These occult blood tests are done for acute reasons, such as suspicion of an active GI bleed. There is a different CPT code for that purpose and it is per card. "**Occult Blood, Non-neoplasm Screen x1**" is the orderable to use for these.

Other: The FIT (or Fecal Immunochemical Test) cards have their own orderable "**Fecal Blood Test by IC**" is a totally different test, with a different methodology and billing code. FIT is preferred over the occult blood for the purpose of neoplasm screening but we do accept either.

It is important that the correct orderable be used for billing. Using the incorrect CPT code, based on the patient's diagnosis codes (ICD10), will result in the test not being reimbursed.

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