TO: Medical Staff, House Staff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics

FROM: Clinical Hematology Laboratory

DATE: January 18, 2021

RE: New Fecal Occult Blood Test

The Clinical Hematology Laboratory in consultation with the Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee will transition from the current three specimen Beckman Coulter ICT Fecal Immunochemical Tests (FIT) to a single specimen called Polymedco OC Light-S FIT. The Polymedco OC Light S FIT has a higher sensitivity than our current test. Additionally, the new kit requires only one stool sample which increases patient adherence. Beckman Coulter ICT tests will continue to be accepted for 6 months after conversion.

Additional information on the new Polymedco OC Light FIT test is available upon request.

Supply chain will be switching out the FIT specimen collection kits on 2/1/2021.

If you have concerns or questions regarding this implementation, please contact us at 773-702-1314 or via email at Sandeep.Gurbuxani@uchospitals.edu or Kara.Newton@uchospitals.edu.