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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.