



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CMS suggested CPT code and National Limit Amount for the QuickVue® iFOB kit?

The Medicare National Limit Amount* is \$22.38. The suggested*** CPT codes are:

- **Medicare/Medicaid:**
Diagnostic 82274QW**
Screening G0328QW**
- **Private Insurance:**
Diagnostic 82274
Screening 82274

Should we run external controls with both kits?

Yes. We recommend using the FIT/iFOB Control Set, catalog number 20197.

Can the test be read after the designated read time?

The test should be read between 5-10 minutes. Do not read the test after the 10-minute read time.

What is the detection level of the QuickVue iFOB test?

50ng hHb/mL buffer or 50µg hHB/g feces.

What is the shelf life of both kits? How should they be stored?

The shelf life is 24 months from the date of manufacture. The kit should be stored at room temperature 59-86°F (15-30°C).

Are there any patient dietary restrictions associated with the QuickVue iFOB test?

No, there are no restrictions in terms of foods to avoid when a fecal sample is taken. Alcohol and certain medications such as aspirin, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), indomethacin, reserpine, phenylbutazone and corticosteroids may cause gastrointestinal irritation and subsequent bleeding that may be detected by this test. Consult your doctor about whether it is necessary or possible to stop taking such medications temporarily so as to increase the accuracy of the FOB test when the fecal sample is collected.

How long can fecal samples be stored before testing?

The collected sample can be stored for up to eight days at temperatures below 35°C (95°F), six months at 2°-8°C (36°-46°F) and two years at -20°C (-4°F).

How does this test differ from a guaiac-based test?

The QuickVue iFOB test is an immunoassay that detects occult human hemoglobin present in stool using antibodies specific to the human hemoglobin molecule. A guaiac-based test detects peroxidase activity and is not specific for human hemoglobin. Therefore, certain foods can interfere with the results of a guaiac test and cause false positive results. The QuickVue test is not affected by the amount or type of food that is eaten.

What kit options are available?

- Catalog # 20194: 20 Test kit; includes Test Cassettes and Patient Specimen Collection and Return kits.
- Catalog # 20201: 50 Test kit; includes Patient Collection Tubes and Test Cassettes.
- Catalog # 20205: 100 Test kit; includes Test Cassettes.
- Catalog # 20196: 10 Test kit; includes Patient Specimen Collection and Return kits.
- Catalog # 20204: 40 Test kit; includes Patient Specimen Collection and Return kits.
- Catalog # 20197: QuickVue FIT/iFOB Control Set

*For state by state fee schedule go to www.cms.gov.

***"QW" modifier is added to report use of CLIA-Waived test system(s) for Medicare/Medicaid claims.

******Under Federal and State law, it is the individual provider's responsibility to determine appropriate coding, charges and claims for a particular service.*** Policies regarding appropriate coding and payment levels can vary greatly from payer to payer and change over time. Quidel Corporation strongly recommends that providers contact their own regional payers to determine appropriate coding and charge or payment levels prior to submitting claims.