

Colorectal Cancer Screening Programme

Important Reminders for Issuing FIT Tubes

Clinic Staff **MUST DO**

1

Check the expiry date of each FIT tube and only FIT tubes with **at least 2-month validity** should be prescribed to participant (See Note)



2

Write the **participant's name** on each FIT tube.



3

Peel off the duplicate **barcode label** on each FIT tube and stick it onto the laboratory request form.



4

Fold the **laboratory request form** in half, with personal information facing inwards. Then put it **into the large plastic bag** and seal the pocket.



Clinic Staff **MUST SAY**

Go through the **six-step instructions for specimen collection** with the participant as specified in the Specimen Collection Sheet.

Remind participant to write down the **date of collection of the specimen** on the FIT tube.

Remind participant to finish collecting two specimens **within 4 days** counting from the first day of specimen collection. Then **return the specimen(s) to any collection site as specified at the back of the Specimen Collection Sheet during office hours**. If only one specimen can be collected within 4 days, participant should still return that specimen.

Note: For example, for FIT tube marked with 2021.02 (i.e. expiry at the end of February 2021), clinic staff should not issue the FIT tube to participant after 31 December 2020 as it may result in rejection by the laboratory and the participant may have lost a chance of FOBT.