



Fecal Calprotectin Test Service

Background

- The amount of measured fecal calprotectin is proportional to the inflammation in the intestine.
- It is stable at room temperature and can be easily measured in stools using various assays.
- Private stool fecal calprotectin service is now available at the Center for Digestive Health (CDH).

Indication

Fecal calprotectin may be useful in the following situations:

- Distinguishing inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) from functional gastrointestinal disease.
 - May be used as a screening test.
 - Patients with negative fecal calprotectin is unlikely having IBD and may not require endoscopy.
- Monitoring of inflammatory bowel disease.
 - Good correlation with endoscopic activity.
- Post-operative monitoring of Crohn's disease.
 - Good correlation with endoscopic activity.

Referral

- Referral forms can be downloaded at the CDH website. [Insert website here](#)
- Patient will bring the referral form to CDH.
- Stool container will be given to patient at CDH.
- Patient will return the stool sample to CDH for analysis.

Reporting

- Report will be returned to both patient (by mail) and doctor/clinic (by fax).
- Reference range and its implications will be included in the report.

Price:

Test	Price
Fecal Calprotectin (Single Test)	HK\$1,200
Fecal Calprotectin (4 Tests a Year) – Discounted package + FIT	HK\$4,000 (= \$1000 per test)

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