

Update (March 2026): qFIT labelling

Going forward all qFIT samples must have a printed patient demographic label attached to the picker, for example an ICE label. The label must include the patient's name, DOB, CHI and requestor location (usually a 5 digit practice code). The requestor should attach the label before giving the picker to the patient, remembering to check the expiry date at the same time.

Biochemistry continues to receive pickers with handwritten or incomplete details, including missing CHI numbers or GP locations. In these cases, results cannot be matched to the patient record or returned to the correct requestor, delaying review and referral of abnormal results. Therefore,

From 1st April 2026, samples without a correct printed label will not be accepted.

As a reminder, the printed label should cover the two large barcodes on the picker but not the expiry date, and must not extend over the lid past the red dotted line.



Please note that electronic requests only remain live for a short time. Therefore, please ask patients to return collected pickers within 7 days of issue. If you have any queries please contact biochemistry on ggc.northglasgow.biochem@nhs.scot