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HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL

PATIENT INFORMATION BROCHURE

Fecal Fat Test

Please read these instructions!

Not following these instructions will produce poor results and may provide an incorrect diagnosis.

(Affix Addressograph label here)

HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL
166 Brock Street
Kingston, Ontario
613-544-3310

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Our hospital is a **scent-free** environment.
Please refrain from wearing scented products.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please call:

Outpatient Dietitian at 613-544-3400, extension 3338

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

OR

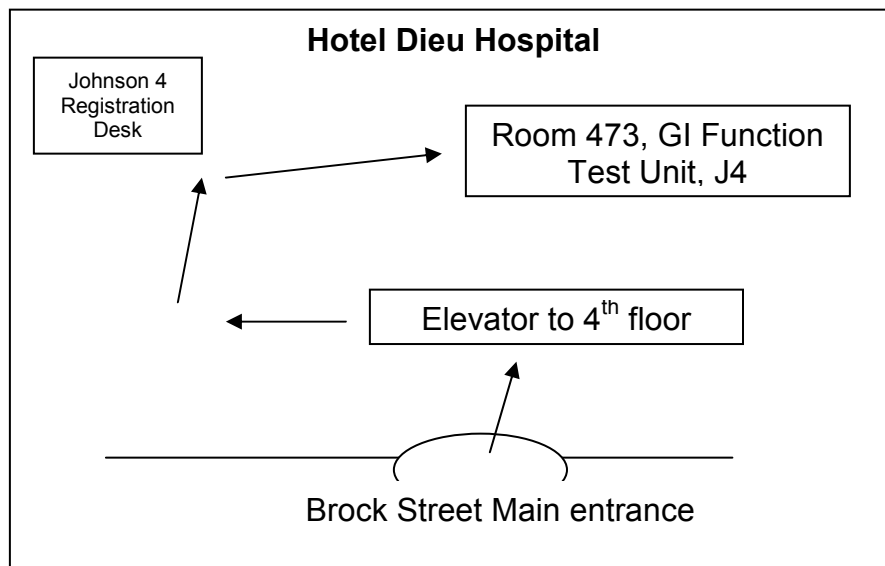
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

OR

GI Function Testing Unit at 613-544-3400, extension 2417

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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What is a Fecal Fat test?

The Fecal Fat Test will measure the amount of fat you eliminate in your stool. This will help your doctor to determine if you are digesting or absorbing fat properly. Poor digestion or absorption of fat is called “fat malabsorption” and this can affect how your body uses nutrients, and can affect your health.

What do I need to do?

- The test requires that you eat a high fat diet, carefully record your food intake on a “Food and Drink Record” sheet (copy attached), and collect your stools. The diet is followed for five days and the stools are collected during the last 72 hours. You should have 5 copies of the Food and Drink Record sheet for the days on which you will be recording your food and drink intake. Use one page per day.
- The test requires your total commitment and ideally should be done during a six day period where you will be eating at home and able to collect your stools.
- You should not end the test on a day that the Gastroenterology (GI) Function Testing Unit is closed (Saturday or Sunday or holiday).

Fecal Fat Test Schedule		
Stage	Record Day of Week here	Procedure (g=grams)
Day 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consume and record (<i>on the Food and Drink Record sheet</i>) 100g fat diet
Day 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consume and record 100g fat diet
Day 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin stool collection at 8 a.m. • Save all stool samples in cans provided and keep them cool • Consume and record 100g fat diet
Day 4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to collect stool samples • Consume and record 100g fat diet
Day 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to collect stool samples • Consume and record 100g fat diet
Day 6 (should not be a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect any stool passed prior to 8 a.m. • Do not record food intake. Resume your regular diet • Return containers and Food & Drink Records sheets*
<p>*Please make sure containers and the ‘Food and Drink Record’ sheets are labeled with your name. Return your containers and Food & Drink Record sheets to either the GI Function Testing Unit at Hotel Dieu Hospital (Level 4, Johnson Wing), or the lab where you picked them up.</p>		

Stool Collection

The aim is to collect all stools **during the last 72 hours** of the test.

Materials needed for stool collection

- **stool collector** (*fits over toilet seat to collect stools*)
- **two cans** (*labeled with your name*)
- **ice and/or a cold area** (*to keep the cans and specimens cold, to minimize odour*)

During the stool collection do not take any laxative, or medications such as Lomotil, Imodium or Questran.

- Start collecting your stools on the third day of your high fat diet. Begin to collect all stools after 8 a.m. on that day.
- Use the stool collector on your toilet seat and carefully transfer stool to the can each time.
- Do not fill either can more than 2/3 full.
- Try not to mix stool and urine.
- To minimize odour, it is recommended that the cans be put on ice or in a cold storage area.
- After completion of your stool collection, return containers and the 'Food and Drink Record' sheets to the GI Function Testing Unit located on Johnson Wing, Level 4, Room 473, at Hotel Dieu Hospital, or to the lab where you picked them up. Make sure that your name is on all the stool collection containers. Remember, the HDH GI Function Testing Unit is closed on weekends and holidays.


The Diet

The aim is to eat a high fat diet of approximately 100 g of fat each day for five days.

- You must record **all food and drink** eaten during the five days.
- All food and drink must be measured or weighed during these five days. Record amounts in cups, teaspoons, tablespoons and ounces, or, if using metric measures, millilitres and grams.
- Write down the amount of margarine, butter, oil, salad dressing, mayonnaise, gravy, etc. that is added to food.
- When using products, write down the brand name of the product and, if available, the amount of fat per serving. Please bring in food labels, if possible.
- Please keep meals as simple as possible during the test. For example, a meal of meat, potato and vegetable will be easier to measure for fat content than a casserole, lasagna or meals eaten at a restaurant.
- Eating out or at friends' homes is **not recommended** during this test.
- On page 4 there is a **sample** of how food and drink should be recorded. A supply of forms is also provided for you to record your intake. (*N.B. If you are accessing this brochure via the Internet, please print 5 copies of the Food and Drink Record sheet found at the end of this brochure, to use for the days on which you will be recording your food and drink intake. Use one sheet per day.*)
- On pages 5 and 6 there is a list of foods and their fat content to help you choose high fat foods.
- Return this guide (with your name on it) as soon as you have finished the test, to the GI Function Testing Unit (Johnson Wing, Level 4 of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Room 473), or the lab where you picked up the cans.

SAMPLE

Use this Sample Food and Drink Record as a guide to help you fill out the Food and Drink Record.

 FOOD AND DRINK RECORD				
Time	Food Item	Amount	Details and/or Brand Name	Grams of Fat
8 am	orange toast	1 medium 2 slices	Weston's whole wheat	8
	butter	2 tsp.		8
	jam	2 tsp.	Kraft, regular	8
	peanut butter	1 tbs.		8
	coffee-black milk-homo.	4 ounces		4.5
12:30 pm	sandwich			
	-bread	2 slices	Weston's whole wheat	6
	-egg	1 medium	boiled	8
	-butter	2 tsp.		11
	-mayonnaise	1 tbs.		
	-lettuce			
	-tomato			
apple	1			
cookie	2	Dare chocolate chip	7	
	milk-homo.	8 ounces		9
5 pm	chicken	3 ounces	roasted, no skin	5
	potatoes	2 medium	boiled, plain	
	carrots	1 cup		
	butter	1 tbs.	divided between potato & carrots	11
	tossed salad	1 cup		
	salad dressing	1 tbs.	Kraft Great Beginnings Italian	6
	milk-homo.	4 ounces		4.5
	ice cream	1/2 cup	Beatrice Old Fashioned Chocolate	8
9 pm	cookies	2	Peak Fren Digestive - milk chocolate	7
	tea with milk (homo.)	1 ounce		1
			TOTAL	104

	Approximate Fat in Grams
MILK PRODUCTS continued	
Cottage cheese: ½ cup/125 ml	
creamed 4.5%	5.0
2% fat	2.5
Yogurt: ¾ cup/175 ml	
about 6% B.F.	7.0
about 2.5% B.F.	5.0
about 1.5% B.F.	3.0
Frozen Yogurt: 12/2 cup/125 ml	
2% B.F.	2.5
Ice Cream: ½ cup/125 ml/1 scoop	
Rich, gourmet type, 16%B.F.	15.0
Regular 10% B.F.	8.0
Sherbet: ½ cup/125 ml	2.0
Cream: 1 tbs./15 ml or 1 creamer	2.0
Coffee cream, 10% B.F.	2.0
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT	
all but avocado	traces
Avocado, ½ medium	14.0
Caesar salad, large	41.0
OILS AND TABLE FATS: 1 tbs./15 ml	
all oils	14.0
Butter and margarine	11.0
Mayonnaise	11.0
Salad dressing	6.0
Sour Cream	3.0
GRAIN PRODUCTS	
Bread, buns, pita, tortillas	0-2.0
Bagel (whole)	2.0
Hot dog or hamburger bun	3.0
Most cold breakfast cereals	traces
Granola ½ cup/125 ml	12.0
Oatmeal 1 cup/250 ml cooked	2.0
Rice, barley, bulgar	traces
Pasta: macaroni, spaghetti	traces
Noodles: chow mein type	
1 cup/250 ml	11.0
Pancake 1 medium (4" diam.)	2.0
Baked Goods:	
croissant (small)	9.0
muffin, homemade	4.0
muffin, shop-type	12.0
piece of cake & icing	12.0
piece of cheesecake	18.0
chocolate chip cookie	6.0
peanut butter cookie	7.0

	Approximate Fat in Grams
Baked goods (continued)	
arrowroot cookies (2)	2.0
piece of fruit pie, two crust	18.0
doughnut	10.0
danish	9.0
Cracker (1) most varieties	1.0
Melba toast; soda crackers; rice cakes; water biscuits	traces
COMBINATION DISHES	
Macaroni and cheese, 1 cup/250 ml	23.0
Quiche Lorraine, 1/8 of 9" pie	48.0
Spaghetti with meat balls	12.0
Chili, 1 cup/250 ml	8.0
Lasagna (meat and cheese) 1 serving	35.0
Shepherd's pie, 1 serving	13.0
SNACK FOODS, FAST FOODS AND FROZEN ENTREES	
Potato chips, cheesies small bag, 55g	20.0
Pretzels	traces
Popcorn, popped 4 cups/1 L	
Air popped, light butter	22.0
Gourmet cheese type	20.0
Microwave, 1/3 bag, regular light	5.0 1.5
Chocolate bar, small (56g)	20.0
Taco, 1	8.0
Fried Chicken 2 pieces with fries	26.0
Fish sandwich	25.0
Fish and chips	30.0
Medium pizza, vegetarian, 2 slices	13.0
Medium pizza, the works, 2 slices	26.0
Deluxe burger, 2 patties, cheese	44.0
Box of french fries	12.0
Milkshake	11.0
Chicken sandwich, breaded, fried	33.0
Frozen entree or dinner, 1 person	19.0
Frozen entree or dinner (light) for 1 person	8.0
MISCELLANEOUS	
Jams, jellies, honey, syrups	traces
Condiments: Ketchup, mustard relishes, pickles	traces

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