

52 NTHSSA Improvements in 52 Weeks

For the next 52 weeks, the NTHSSA will be celebrating one improvement each week! These weekly reports are one way we're working to recognize some of the staff-led initiatives, that are making a real difference across the organization for both staff and clients. It's all part of our commitment to being responsive, showcase innovation, and demonstrate progress we're proud to be making together.

Week 30 of 52 (Week of January 19, 2026): Improving Efficiency for Distributing of FIT Kits for Cancer Screening.

Change Driver: In March 2025, Alberta Precision Labs (APL) changed its process for distributing fecal immunochemical (FIT) kits for colorectal cancer screening. Previously, FIT kits arrived pre-packaged with NTHSSA collection instructions. This change meant changes to ordering and workflow challenge of replacing the instructions on each kit to the correct NTHSSA version before providing kits to clients at frontline/primary care facilities and through the territorial colorectal cancer screening program.

Link to System Vision: This initiative supports “Best Health” by improving coordination and accuracy of health information provided to residents, and “Better Future” by enhancing operational efficiency through improved capacity and sustainable processes.

Improvement Initiative: The Territorial Cancer Screening Program partnered with Stanton Territorial Hospital Materials Management to pre-assemble FIT kits with NTHSSA instructions already included. This streamlined process was a collaborative effort and approach to ensure pre-assemble FIT kits were made available for those who need it, and that the process was integrated into the internal ordering process.

This improvement initiative reduces the need to order two separate items (the FIT kit and NTHSSA instructions), eliminates manual re-assembly, saves time for facilities, and ensures residents consistently receive the correct colorectal cancer screening information.

