



URINE COLLECTION, RANDOM

All patients should void the first part of the specimen into the toilet, then secure the remainder of the specimen in a sterile container.

Keep urine refrigerated.

To obtain a clean-catch collection of urine for the female patient, a thorough cleansing of the periurethral area is required before specimen collection. Wash the area with a soap or antiseptic, thoroughly rinse with clean water, and make all efforts to avoid any contact until urination is complete.

For the male patient, a thorough cleansing of the glans penis with soap or antiseptic followed by a complete rinse with clean water is required.

For in-dwelling catheters, obtain the specimen with a needle and syringe. Select a puncture site 1-2 inches distal to the meatus and clamp below the puncture site. Cleanse the area to be punctured with 70% alcohol. Aspirate exactly 5.0 mL of urine with a sterile needle and syringe. Deliver this volume directly into a sterile urine container available from our Supplies Department.

Specimens obtained from the collection bag are not suitable for analysis.

Foley tips will not be accepted.

For cytoscopic or suprapubic aspiration, follow standard procedures and obtain the specimen by aspiration. Transport the specimen in anaerobic transport kits available from our Supplies Department. Keep urine refrigerated.