

Urine Culture Collection Cheat Sheet

For Catheterized Patients:

Wipe the luer lok access device using an alcohol swab. Using the luer lok access device, collect the urine specimen directly into a gray top urine tube.*



For Non-Catheterized Patients:

Collect a urine specimen into a sterile specimen cup. Using a transfer straw kit, transfer urine from the specimen cup into a gray top urine tube.*

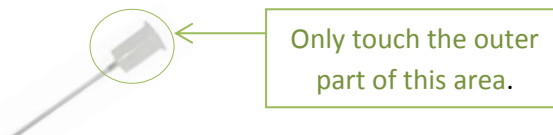


Other collection tips:

Fill the specimen tube with ***at least*** 3ml of urine (min fill line)

***PEDI/NICU:** if unable to obtain 3ml for culture (minimum volume), the specimen will be accepted in a cup or syringe. If more than 3ml is collected, it should be sent in a tube (no matter the age of the patient)

When handling the transfer kit, **avoid touching the straw portion** to prevent contamination. Always hold the transfer straw on the *outside* of the needle housing portion.



Please be sure to place the **correct label** on **each container**.

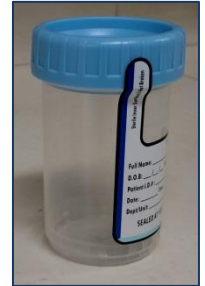
****UA (urinalysis) collection process will remain unchanged**

URINALYSIS CHEMICAL

For UA with possible reflex to microscopic examination or for suspected CAUTI

Order Urinalysis Chemical

Collect specimen into a sterile specimen cup. Label the cup with the **URCHM** sticker.



Send specimen to lab for UA to be performed within **1 hour** of collection.

Microscopic examination may be performed dependent upon the Urinalysis results *.

If results are indicative of CAUTI, Collect a new specimen into a BD gray top urine culture tube** using the luer lok access device. Label the gray tube with the **CXURN** sticker.

****only collect into urine tube if >3ml is obtained. Otherwise send in cup or syringe.**



***UA will reflex to Microscopic Exam if any of the following occur:**

Appearance	Cloudy\
Glucose	3+ or Greater
Blood	Trace or greater
Protein	1+ or greater
Nitrite	Positive
Leukocyte Esterase	Positive

URINALYSIS COMPLETE

For UA with microscopic examination or for suspected CAUTI



Order Urinalysis Complete



Collect specimen into a sterile specimen cup. Label the cup with the **UA** sticker.



Send specimen to lab for UA and microscopic exam to be performed within **1 hour** of collection.



If results are indicative of CAUTI, collect a new specimen into a BD gray top urine culture tube** using the luer lok access device. Label the gray tube with the **CXURN** sticker.

****only collect into urine tube if >3ml is obtained. Otherwise send in cup or syringe.**



URINALYSIS WITH REFLEX TO CULTURE

For UA with possible reflex to urine culture
on suspected UTI patients.

DO NOT use for CAUTI patients



Order Urinalysis with Reflex to Culture



Collect specimen into a sterile specimen
cup. Transfer urine into a gray top urine
collection tube* using the sterile straw
included in the collection kit. Label the
cup with the **UACUL** sticker and the tube
with the **XUGRY** sticker.

***only collect into urine tube if >3ml is
obtained. Otherwise send in cup or
syringe.**



Send both the cup and tube to the lab for
UA to be performed within **1 hour** of
collection.



If results are indicative of UTI**, an order
will be automatically generated for a urine
culture and the sample will be forwarded to
the microbiology lab for culture.



****UA will reflex to URINE CULTURE if any of the following occur:**

Appearance	Cloudy, Turbid, or Bloody
Glucose	Trace or Greater
Protein	1+ or greater
Nitrite	Positive
Leukocyte Esterase	Positive

URINE CULTURE

For Urine Culture only without UA
or for suspected CAUTI with a
previous UA performed that has
had a new foley placed since.



Order Urine Culture



Midstream: Collect specimen into
a sterile specimen cup. Transfer
urine into a gray top urine culture
tube** using the sterile straw
included in the collection kit.
Label the tube with **CXURN**
sticker.

or

Foley: Collect specimen into a BD
gray top urine culture tube**
using the luer lok access device.
Label the gray tube with the
CXURN sticker.

****only collect into urine tube if
>3ml is obtained. Otherwise send
in cup or syringe.**



Send the tube** to the lab for
culture to be performed.

