

Pediatric Urine Collection

PURPOSE OF TEST

Your doctor has ordered a test on your infant/child which requires you to collect a midstream urine specimen. A carelessly collected urine specimen could give inconclusive results that require a repeat specimen thus delaying treatment, or could cause the wrong treatment to be given. In order to correctly determine whether or not any infecting organisms are present in the urine, the specimen must be free of any contaminating organisms which might be present in or about the genital region. It is therefore important to collect a clean-catch urine.

COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN

1. Obtain a pediatric urine bag and a clean urine container from the laboratory.
2. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water.
3. Use soap and water to clean the genital and anal area of your child thoroughly. Pat dry.
4. Peel the waxed paper off the urine bag and gently press the opening over the genital area. Make sure the bag is firmly attached to the skin to avoid leakage.
5. Leave the bag in place until it is 1/3 full; however, do not leave the bag in place for more than 1 ½ hours.
6. Gently remove the bag from the infant/child's skin and place the urine filled bag into the urine container.
7. Close the container tightly and bring the specimen to the laboratory immediately.

LABELING THE SPECIMEN

Print your child's full name, DOB, and the date and time the specimen was collected on the specimen container.

STORAGE OF SPECIMEN/DELIVERY TO LAB

Close the container tightly and bring to the laboratory immediately. If transport is delayed, please refrigerate sample and deliver to the laboratory within 2 hours.

If you have any questions about these instructions, please call the Client Service department at (219) 989-3700 or (800) 937-5521.

