

Urine Specimen Collection Guide

Aliquot Order from Cup

4.0mL Grey Top Preservative Tube

For Culture or Reflex to Culture

(Preservative: 2.63 mg/mL Boric Acid, 3.95 mg/mL Sodium Borate, and 1.65 mg/mL Sodium Formate)



8.0mL Yellow & Red Speckled Top

For Urinalysis Only

(Preservative: 5.6% ethyl paraben, 94% sodium propionate and 0.4% chlorhexidine)



6.0mL Clear Top No Additive

For Urine Chemistry, Drug Screens, Pregnancy, UPEPs (2 tubes needed), Low Volume Draws, Total Protein, Creatinine, Microalbumin, etc.



Cups are not accepted for urine specimens.

Collection Process:

- Collect urine in cup.
- Transfer contents of the cup into the proper vacutainer tube. Depending on transfer device:
 - A. Cup with built in transfer device: place cup on horizontal surface, make sure vacutainers are kept vertical during fill to achieve fill to the line.
 - B. Straw transfer device: keep the straw tip submerged until tube is filled to the line.

Vacutainer tubes must be filled to the line.

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