

Patient Instructions

Urine Collection for Infants & Small Children

This procedure is to be used for collecting a urine specimen for Urinalysis or Urine Culture for infants and small children who are unable to collect a clean catch voided specimen.

1. Obtain a pediatric urine collection bag with hypoallergenic skin adhesive and antiseptic wipes from the laboratory department.
2. Separate the child's legs.
3. Clean the pubic and perineal areas with the antiseptic wipes provided by the laboratory.
4. Remove the protective paper, exposing the hypoallergenic skin adhesive
5. Girls:
 - a. Stretch the perineum to separate skin folds.
 - b. Press the adhesive firmly to the skin all around the vagina.
 - c. Be sure to start at the bridge of the skin separating and rectum from the vagina and work forward sealing the adhesive to the skin.
6. Boys:
 - a. Fit the bag over the penis and press the adhesive firmly to the perineum.
 - b. Make sure the entire adhesive coating is firmly attached to the skin with no puckering of the adhesive.
7. Check the urine bag every 15 minutes until the child has voided.
8. Pour the urine in the sterile urine cup that was provided by the laboratory.
9. Write the child's Name/Date of Birth/Requesting Physician on the label.
10. Deliver it to the laboratory Patient Care Service area as soon as possible.
11. If unable to deliver immediately, keep refrigerated. Urine should be delivered to the laboratory no later than 8 hours after collection.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Laboratory Patient Care Services at (301) 754-7835.