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URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE

For urine specimens, Sagis Laboratories accepts the Vacuette® Urine Collection System

1. Provide the patient with the Vacuette® urine collection cup or plastic collection cup with no preservative and no integrated collection device.
2. Instruct the patient that you will need approximately 20 mL of urine in the specimen cup.
3. Instruct the patient to remove the lid and void directly into the specimen cup, replace lid and return to the collector. It is not necessary to monitor the patient during specimen collection.
4. After the collection, immediately read the temperature on the specimen cup to verify the urine temperature is within the acceptable 90 – 100°F. If the temperature is outside the normal range reject the specimen and recollect.
5. Verify that you have approximately 20mL of urine or more.
 - a) If not, offer the patient water and recollect.
 - i) If the patient provides a sample less than 20 mL, it may be necessary to use a clean transfer pipette to transfer the urine from the cup to the Vacuette® sample tube as there may not be enough liquid provided for the Vacuette® system to function properly.
 - b) Make the clinic aware if the patient simply cannot provide a urine sample.
 - c) If a drug of abuse urine dip test is used follow the instructions provided on the dip test packaging for testing, then close cup.
6. Make sure the patients name and date of birth are marked clearly on the collection container. Confirm with the patient that the two identifiers used to label the specimen container are correct. Other acceptable unique patient identifiers could include the medical record number or social security number if it is also recorded on the requisition form.
7. If using the Vacuette® collection system proceed as follows:
 - a) Make sure the patients name and date of birth are marked clearly on the Vacuette® tube. Other acceptable unique patient identifiers could include the medical record number or social security number if it is also recorded on the requisition form.
 - b) Transfer the sample to the Vacuette® tube as seen in the Images 1 and 2.
8. Avoid contact with the urine cup lid as the needle inside the lid is capable of skin puncture. See Image 3.

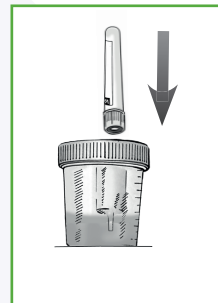


Image 1

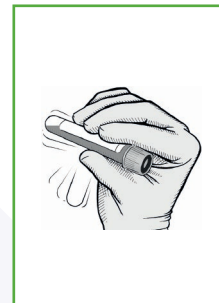


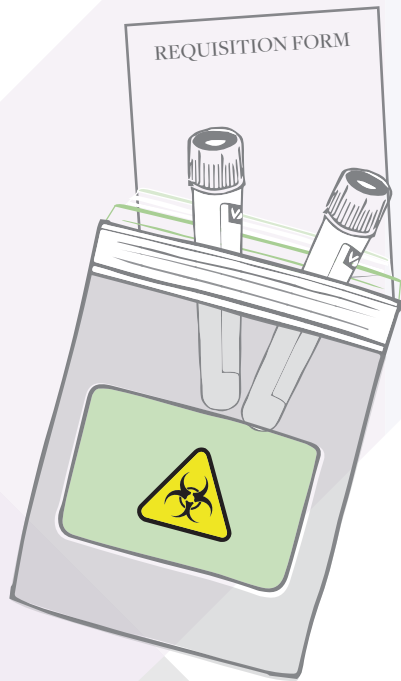
Image 2



Image 3

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PACKAGING & SHIPPING

1. Place the final collection device either the Vacuette® tube or plastic collection cup with no preservative and no integrated needle in the biohazard bag.
2. Fold the requisition form and any additional paperwork, place it in the front pouch of the bio-hazard bag so that no personal information can be seen.
3. Seal the bio-hazard bag shut.
4. If sample is being shipped place the specimen, along with an ice pack, inside the shipping container; place the shipping label directly outside the shipping container.
5. Specimens that are not shipped the day of collection can be stored in secure refrigeration units. All specimens are shipped with priority overnight shipping.

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