

# Collection Procedure Guide

## Urine Collection



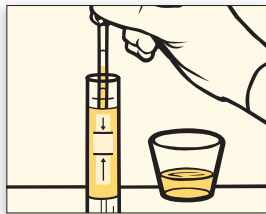
Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.



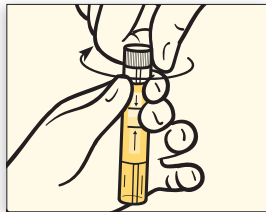
Direct patient to provide **first-catch** urine (approximately 20 to 30 mL of initial urine stream) into urine collection cup free of any preservatives. Collection of larger volumes of urine may result in specimen dilution that may reduce test sensitivity. Female patients should not cleanse labial area prior to providing specimen.

### URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE FOR:

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)



Remove cap from urine specimen transport tube and transfer 2 mL of urine into urine specimen transport tube using disposable pipette provided. The correct volume of urine has been added when fluid level is between black fill lines on urine specimen transport tube label.



Re-cap urine specimen transport tube tightly. This is now known as the “processed urine specimen.”

## Specimen Transport and Storage

- After collection, transport and store processed urine specimens in the APTIMA urine specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Processed urine specimen should be assayed with the APTIMA Assay for CT, GC and/or TV within 30 days of collection.
- If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20°C to -70°C for up to 12 months after collection.
- Urine samples still in primary collection container must be transported to the lab at 2°C to 30°C.
- Transfer urine sample into APTIMA urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection.
- Store at 2°C to 30°C and test within 30 days of collection.



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