

URINE CULTURE (URINE BAG)

MATERIAL NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

Sterile adhesive bag for urine collection (pay attention to size of bag i.e. child size) provided by the collection center or available for purchase at the pharmacy

Sterile jar with wide opening and screw cap provided by the collection center or can be purchased at the pharmacy.

DIRECTIONS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION

Recommendations for the adult performing the collection

1. Wash hands carefully with soap and water (do not use disinfectants) rinse and dry thoroughly.
2. Wash the baby or child's external genitalia and perineum with soap and water (do not use disinfectants), rinse and dry.
3. Open the sterile bag, avoiding touching the inside
4. Remove the protective film from the adhesive and adhere the adhesive part of the pouch to the skin between the genitals and the anus (the anus should be external). For girls, adhere the pouch at the point between the anus and genitals, stretching the crease of the buttocks with two fingers to avoid "bridging" application that easily causes urine leakage.
5. Wait for the release of urine. **Warning:** collection should be done within 30 minutes after application of the bag, if after this time the child has not yet urinated, detach the bag and repeat the procedure from the beginning using a new bag.
6. As soon as the urine is collected, detach the bag and close it by rolling up the adhesive part. **Do not pour the urine into another container.**
7. Place the bag upright in a sterile jar, keeping the sealed opening upward. Carefully reseal the jar.
8. Identify the specimen by writing the name, surname and date of birth on the label.
9. Deliver the specimen to the Collection Center **within 2 hours** of collection.

