



Catheterized Urine

Collection Procedures

1. Indwelling Catheter

DO NOT COLLECT URINE FROM DRAINAGE BAG.

- Clean the catheter collection port with a 70% alcohol wipe.
- Use a sterile needle and syringe to puncture the collection port and aspirate the urine directly from the tubing.
- Transfer the urine to a sterile specimen container and label with patient's identification.

Note: Urine catheter tips are not acceptable for culture.

2. Straight (In/Out) Catheter

- Prior to catheterization, the patient should force fluids until the bladder is full.
- Clean the patient's urethral opening (in females, the vaginal vestibule) with soap and carefully rinse area with water.
- Using sterile technique, pass a catheter into the bladder.
- Collect the initial 15-30 mL of urine and discard it from the mouth of the catheter.
- Collect a sample from the mid or later flow of urine into a sterile specimen container and label with patient's name.

Note: Urine specimens collected in the hospital should be transported to the lab within 60 minutes. Urine collected outside of the hospital may be refrigerated for up to 24 hours. Urine specimens more than 2 hours old and have not been refrigerated are unacceptable for urinalysis or culture.