



Urine collection for Micro and Culture – infants

Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure your infant's test results are accurate and reliable.

Use a paediatric urine bag when collecting your infant's urine.

Any equipment needed for this test can be obtained from your nearest Melbourne Pathology collection centre.

1. Label the jar provided with the *baby's* full name, date of birth and date and time of collection.
2. Thoroughly cleanse the genital area with three towelettes. Do not attempt to retract the foreskin on male babies.
3. Dry carefully with paper tissues.
4. Tear off the paper backing from the urine bag to reveal the adhesive tabs.
5. Carefully stick the adhesive tabs over the genital area covering the baby's penis, or labia (skin folds) for girls, carefully avoiding the anus.
6. When urine appears in the bag gently peel off the adhesive. Dry the area with tissues.



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7. If you are given a sterile urine collector, use it like a syringe to withdraw the urine from the bag. Once it has been drawn up into the tube, gently squeeze the plunger and transfer the urine into the jar.
8. If you only have a jar and no syringe for transfer, hold the bag over the jar and using clean scissors, carefully snip the corner of the bag and let the urine run into the jar. You only need to cut off a tiny corner.
9. Refrigerate immediately.
10. Deliver the specimen to your nearest Melbourne Pathology collection centre on the same day the sample is collected.

Important: Do not leave the paediatric bag on your infant for more than 1 hour.