



Urine Drug Screening (UDS)

A urine drug screen (UDS) is performed to detect and identify drugs of abuse.

A UDS often forms part of a pre-employment screen or is necessary for legal or rehabilitation purposes. As such it is required to be 'observed'. This means that you will be observed by a pathology collector while producing the urine sample.

It is important that you understand the procedures involved in this process so that you are properly prepared on the day.

Requirements

In order to ensure the integrity and authenticity of the sample, the urine sample must be tracked at all times. This is known as a 'chain of custody', and requires the sample to be sighted at all times to ensure that the sample can be properly identified as your own.

Step 1 – Melbourne Pathology collection form

The person giving you the Melbourne Pathology referral form must fill in your personal details.

These must be completed before you arrive at the collection centre otherwise the collection staff will not be able to collect your sample.



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Step 2 – Collection centres

Visit www.mps.com.au for information on which centres have the facilities to conduct the collection procedure for urine drug screens, and the times that they are able to conduct the collection procedure. Click on the 'locations' tab at the top of the home page and select 'urine drug screen' as a specialised test.

Step 3 – Photographic identification

You must provide photographic identification to confirm your identity. This includes a driver's licence, passport, student concession card, student card or security pass.

If your identity cannot be established by photo identification the urine drug screen will not be conducted.

Step 4 – Urine sample collection

In order to ensure the chain of custody, you will be supervised by a Melbourne Pathology collector while you are giving your sample.

We understand that this may be slightly confronting for you, however our staff will always act to minimise your embarrassment. If you are unable to urinate after a reasonable period of time you will be given the option to return at an agreed time.

You will be required to remain with the collector and the specimen until it is sealed in the satchel.

Other information

Items such as coats, jumpers and bags cannot be taken into the toilet and you will be asked to leave them in a secure place during the procedure. **Please note that we are unable to provide supervision of children while you are undergoing the test.**