

**Lab Alert—Receipt of 24-Hour Urine Specimens**

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| **Situation** | When receiving 24-hour urine collections, the computer will prompt for collect date and collect time.   * Use the date and time the 24-hour urine collection was STARTED. * Do not use the date and time the 24-hour urine collected was COMPLETED. |
| **Explanation** | Every 24-hour urine collection has the following written on the container:   * Start Date and Time   Use this when receiving the specimen   * End Date and Time   Oftentimes patients are given 24-hour urine containers to take home and fill. The return date does not necessarily align with the dates of service for the admission. Entering the end date and time in Sunquest during receiving is causing billing rejections.  Please refer to the procedure for additional information. |