



LAB UPDATE

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK

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URINE DRUG SCREENS

In our continuing effort to provide you with the highest quality laboratory services available, we have implemented some important changes regarding Urine Drug Screen specimen stability.

Due to metabolite breakdown, concentration of the drug in urine decreases over time. Refrigeration can slow this process, but not stop it. For the most accurate results, it is recommended to test urine immediately after collection. The longer testing is delayed, the higher the chance of false negatives.

If testing will be delayed for longer than 1 hour, specimens should be refrigerated 2-8° C for up to 24 hours in a polypropylene container.

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