



PROCEDURE FOR HANDING OUT A 24 HOUR URINE CONTAINER

PRINCIPLE

To prevent tests from populating the pending log prior to the member returning the specimen, 24 hour urines will be dispatched when the specimen is returned. To properly identify the specimen, a label will be placed on the specimen with required information.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

24 hour urine containers
24 hour urine acid-washed containers for heavy metal collections
24 hour urine labels

PROCEDURE

1. Check ORV for the tests requested
2. Fill out the label completely, including the tests that are being requested
 - Write your NUID and location where you are handing out the container.
3. Place the label on the 24 hour urine container
4. Give the member instructions for collecting the specimen

Example of Correct Labeling

24 Hour Urine Collection

Name _____

MRN _____

Tests _____

Date/Time Started _____

Date/Time Stopped _____

NUID/Location _____

Diet given? YES NO

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LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

It is important to accurately write the name of the 24 hour urine tests on the label in order to provide the information needed when the member returns. If the tests are not accurately written down, whoever receives the specimen when the member returns may not collect blood required as part of the collection (i.e. creatinine clearance).