

Collection of Urine Specimens for Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)

Patient Instructions

IMPORTANT

- The purpose of the test is to examine urine microscopically for Acid Fast Bacilli, and any other organisms that may be present.
- The test is best performed on first morning urine specimens, collected separately on three (3) consecutive days.
- You should be supplied with three (3) 'yellow top' urine containers and a pathology request form from your doctor.

PROCEDURE

- 1) The first morning urine specimen should be collected directly into one of the yellow top containers (approx. 2/3 full) and the remainder of the urine discarded in the toilet.
- 2) The container then should immediately be labelled with:
 - Patient's full name
 - Date of birth
 - Date and time of collection
- 3) This process is repeated on each of the next two (2) days.
- 4) All three (3) specimens and the pathology request form can then be taken to your nearest Clinpath collection centre for transport to the central laboratory for testing.
- 5) When the tests have been completed, the results will be forwarded to your referring doctor.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

The sample containers should be stored refrigerated until the last specimen has been collected.

INFORMATION

For any further information or questions regarding this procedure please call Client Services on **(08) 8366 2000**