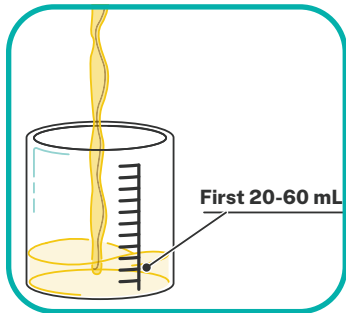


Gray Tube - Urine Culture Specimen Collection Instructions

Collection Procedure



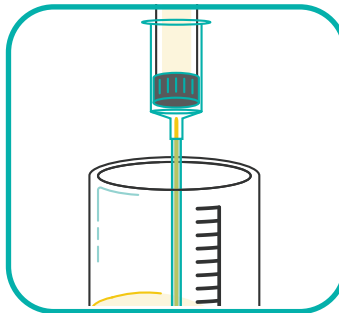
Gray Tube



Step 1

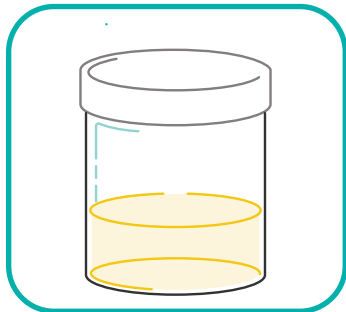
Have patient collect specimen in a sterile, plastic, preservative-free specimen collection cup.

NOTE: Patient should not urinate for at least 1 hour prior to collection of specimen. Patient should collect the first 20 to 60 mL of voided urine.



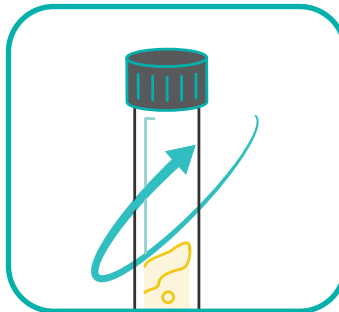
Step 5

Place the tube into the holder, stopper down. Advance the tube over the puncture point to pierce the stopper. Hold the tube in position until filled, then remove from the holder.



Step 2

Have patient securely place the cap on the urine collection cup.



Step 6

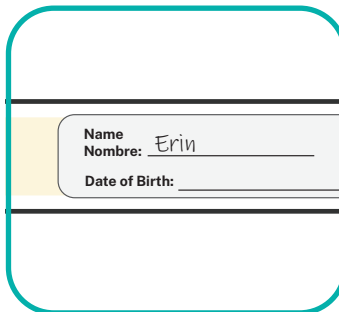
Tube must be mixed 8-10 times by inversion.



Step 3

After receiving the urine specimen back from the patient, Label collection cup with patient identification, date, and time collected.

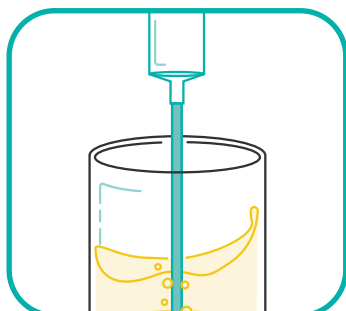
NOTE: Wear clean gloves when handling the Gray Tube Urine Transport Kit components and urine specimens. If gloves come into contact with the specimen, immediately change gloves.



Step 7

Label the tube clearly with the patient's first and last name and date of birth.

The label must wrap completely around the tube, overlap with itself, and be wrapped tightly, smoothly, and securely onto the tube with no loose edges, tails, or wings exposed.



Step 4

Place the container upright on a clean, flat surface with the necessary urine collection tube. Place the tip of the transfer straw in the urine specimen container. **Culture tubes should be filled first when collecting multiple tubes.**

CAUTION: The transfer tube contains a needle in the tube holder.



Step 8

Lift the transfer straw from the container and allow the specimen to drain. Dispose of urine according to your facility's procedure, discard the transfer straw into a sharps container, and place the cup in biohazard waste.

