

Amount of Blood, Specimen and Container Types

General Information

- ❖ One 8.0ml (Gel/Plain) tube will be enough for all Chemistry, Serology, Immunology, Endocrinology and Hepatitis tests.
- ❖ One 3.5ml (Blue Colour) tube will be enough for all coagulation tests.
- ❖ One 8.0ml (Red Top/Plain) tube will be enough for all Blood Bank and Drug Tests.
- ❖ One 5.0ml (Purple Top) tube will be enough for all Haematology tests.

Instructions for Collection

1. Wash your hands first.
2. If uncircumcised, retract the foreskin.
3. Avoid touching the inside of the container and lid.
4. Pass a small amount of urine into the toilet and **without stopping the stream**, collect approximately 25ml of urine into the specimen container (i.e., half-fill the container). The remaining urine is passed into the toilet. Return foreskin to correct position (if uncircumcised).
5. Screw the lid firmly and label the container with your surname, first name, date and time of collection.
6. Return the sample to the collection centre as soon as possible **on the day of the collection**. If there is any delay, refrigerate the sample.

Instructions for Infants

A small, sterile plastic bag may be taped to the perineum after cleaning to retrieve a specimen during the next urination. The specimen can then be transferred into a sterile jar and returned to the collection centre as soon as possible.

PLEASE TELEPHONE OUR LABORATORY ON:

1300 265 000

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL ADVICE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF THE SPECIMEN.