

PDL Update:

URINE CULTURE TRANSPORT CONTAINER

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SPECIMEN COLLECTION CONTAINER UPDATE: URINE CULTURES



Effective September 13, 2021, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) is requesting that urine culture specimens be submitted in the Vacutainer® C&S gray top preservative tube unless specimen volume is less than 4 mL. For urinalysis with reflex to culture test requests, both a Vacutainer® Urinalysis Preservative Plus yellow/red top tube and a Vacutainer® C&S gray top tube should be submitted.

PDL offers two urine collection kits for urinalysis and urine culture. These kits include devices to safely transfer urine into the vacutainer® tube(s).

- **BD Vacutainer® Plus C&S Tubes** **PDL Client Supply Order Number: 996**
- **BD Vacutainer® Complete Urine Collection Kits** **PDL Client Supply Order Number: 936**

The benefits of the Vacutainer® C&S gray top preservative tube include:

- preservation and protection of the level of bacteria present at collection
- eliminates risk of organism overgrowth which can occur with unpreserved urine specimens
- reduction of leaks in transport
- improved specimen stability; 48 hours at room temperature or refrigerated

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BD Vacutainer® Plus C&S Tubes Gray Top Tube Min Volume: 4 mL	BD Vacutainer® Complete Urine Collection Kits Red/Yellow Top Tube & Gray Top Tube Min Volume: Gray tube 4 mL; Red/Yellow 2 mL
Use For: URINE CULTURE LAB239 URINE CULTURE COMPREHENSIVE LAB10527	Use for: URINALYSIS WITH MICROSCOPIC (Reflex Culture If Indicated) LAB9468 DIPSTICK URINALYSIS (With Reflex To Microscopic And Culture If Indicated) LAB9488
	
Note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For < 4 mL volume, submit urine in sterile container; transport refrigerated. • Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (LAB9350) testing on a urine specimen should be a first-catch “dirty” urine in a sterile container. <u><i>This testing cannot be performed on specimens submitted in the urine preservative tubes.</i></u> 	

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100