

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION

If your doctor suspects you have a bladder infection, a carefully collected and tested urine sample is an important part of your assessment.

COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Method of collection

1. You will be given a supply of tissues and a sterile plastic container with a yellow top.
2. Wash your hands before you collect the sample.
3. Wet a tissue and wash the tip of your penis. Uncircumcised patients should retract the foreskin.
4. Dry the tip of your penis with a tissue.
5. Pass the first part of urine into the toilet without stopping.
 - The middle portion is passed into the sterile yellow top container. The container should be approximately half full.
 - Void the final part of urine into the toilet.

When you handle the yellow top container it is important that you do not touch the inside as this may introduce contamination.

Transport

If the specimen is to be collected at home, store the specimen in the refrigerator and deliver to the closest collection centre as soon as possible.

If you have any additional questions or require further information please contact one of our pathology collectors at the room you attended or the collection Co-ordinator at the Central Laboratory on **9736 7000**.