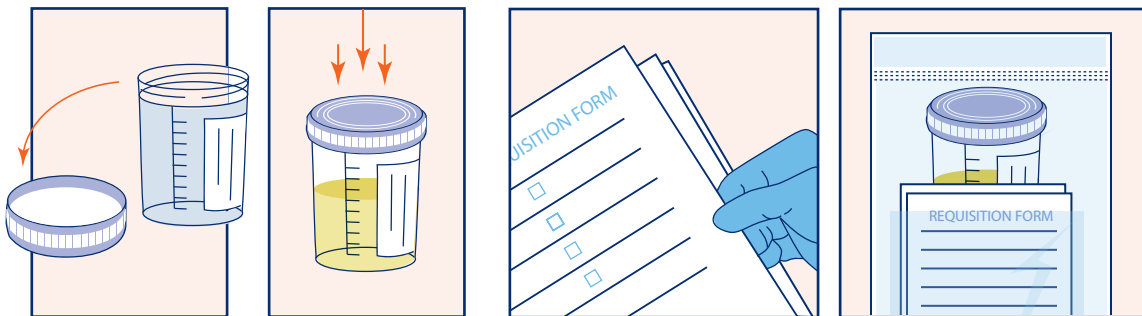


PCR Collection Guide for UTI Testing

Proper specimen collection is the most important step in the laboratory diagnosis of infectious diseases.

- 1 PREPARE MATERIALS:** Open the empty urine container. Lay the lid and container on a surface. Put on disposable gloves.
- 2 COLLECTION:** Urinate into the toilet as usual. Once there is a steady stream of urine, place the container under the urine stream.
- 3** Remove the container once it is filled to the line on the outside of the container. Screw the lid tightly onto the container.
- 4 TRANSFER TO COLLECTION BAG:** If the outside of the container has urine on it, wipe it dry with a paper towel. Place the container inside the collection bag along with the completed requisition and close the bag.
- 5 DISPOSAL AND CLEANING:** Remove and dispose of gloves. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



SPECIMEN HANDLING REQUIREMENTS

Temperature & Duration:

Samples should be stored and transported at 2–8°C and must be tested within 5 days.

Transport Time:

Samples should be transported as quickly as possible to maintain quality.

Regulatory Compliance:

Transportation must follow local and national regulations for handling pathogenic materials.