

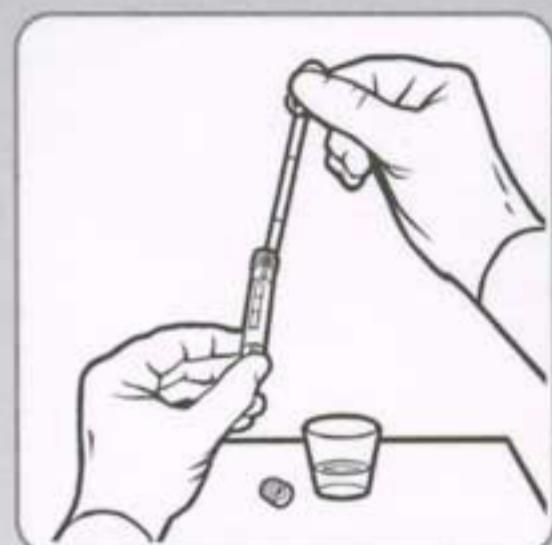


- 1) You can send urine in primary collection container, however we must receive the urine specimen within 24 hours after collection.
- 2) Or aliquot the urine specimen to APTIMA transport tube within 24 hours.

Collection for Male and Female Urine Specimens

Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.

1. Direct patient to provide **first catch** urine (approximately 20 to 30 mL of initial urine stream) into urine collection cup free of any preservatives. Collection of larger volumes of urine may result in specimen dilution that may reduce test sensitivity. Female patients should not cleanse labial area prior to providing specimen.
2. Remove cap from urine specimen transport tube and transfer 2 mL of urine into urine specimen transport tube using disposable pipette provided. The correct volume of urine has been added when fluid level is **between black fill lines** on urine specimen transport tube label.
3. Re-cap urine specimen transport tube tightly. This is now known as the "processed urine specimen."



Specimen Transport and Storage

1. After collection, transport and store the processed urine specimens in the APTIMA urine specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C until tested. Processed urine specimens should be assayed with the APTIMA Assay for CT and/or GC within 30 days of collection. If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20°C to -70°C for up to 90 days after collection.
2. Urine samples that are still in the primary collection container must be transported to the lab at 2°C to 30°C. Transfer urine sample into APTIMA urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection. Store at 2°C to 30°C and test within 30 days of collection.

