**Instructions for 24 Hour/Timed Urine Collections**

1. Empty your bladder and discard the urine in the toilet. **DO NOT COLLECT** in jug.
2. Please record the time of discarded urine on the jug; this is your start time for this test even though you did not collect anything. (example: 02/02/08 @ 07:00am)
3. From that time onwards, all urine passed must be collected in the **jug provided**.
4. Continue to collect ALL urine through the 24 hour period up until the time you started the day before. If a timed specimen is collected, stop at the desired time (ex: 2 or 12 hours after beginning). Write the end date and time on the jug.
5. Please store the jug in a refrigerator or a cool place between uses and until you can deliver the jug to Outpatient Lab.
6. Specimen should be delivered to the lab **within 24 hours** of completing the collection.
7. If a cautionary label is applied, please handle the urine jug with care.
8. Be sure to label the jug with your legal first and last name, and date of birth.

**NOTE:** It is very important that the container is labeled with name, date of birth, start time and date, and end time and date to ensure processing in a timely manner.

*IF REQUIRED, PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE STOPPING ANY MEDICATIONS YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PRIOR TO STARTING A URINE COLLECTION.*

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