

Collecting a URINE sample from an INFANT for URINE CULTURE
(how to use a collection bag)

- Use a sterile collection bag, which can be bought in a pharmacy, to collect the sample.
- Wash and dry your hands.
- Wash the infant's external genital area and perineum with water and soap (do not use disinfectants); wash thoroughly and then dry.
- Apply the plastic sterile bag ensuring that it sticks well to the perineum and above the pubic area.
- Collect the urine within 60 minutes
Note. The sample must be collected within an hour: if an hour has passed and the infant has not yet urinated, remove and throw away the bag and then repeat the procedure, wash the infant once again and use a new bag
- Remove the bag and close it using the adhesive tab. Do not pour the urine into another bag.
- Place the urine in an upright position and then place it in a sterile container and carefully close.
- Bring the sample to the laboratory within one hour of collection. If this is not possible, keep the sample in a refrigerator at +4°C (maximum 48 hours)

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