



Patient Information for Drug Screen Collections

Your urine drug screen specimen will be collected using Chain of Custody protocol. This assures you that your specimen is secure and cannot be mixed up or tampered with. A rigid protocol for testing the specimens is employed at LifeLabs Medical Laboratory Services which ensures the accuracy and legal admissibility of results.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROTOCOL

1. LifeLabs Medical Laboratory Services will collect these specimens Monday – Friday, between 9 am and 1 hour before closing. The cost of a urine drug screen varies, depending on what tests your physician has ordered. The cost of testing is payable at the time of collection or must be charged to a valid third party account.
2. You will be asked for Photo ID (driver's license, passport). If this is unavailable, you will be asked to have a responsible person confirm your identity.
3. You will be asked to leave your coats, bags, briefcases, etc. outside the collection area. You will be asked to empty the contents of your pockets into a paper bag which will be sealed to secure those items. The collection of the specimen will NOT be observed.
4. You will be asked to wash your hands before collecting the specimen.
5. You will not have access to water in the washroom.
6. You will be asked to provide a minimum of 50 mL of urine. When you give your specimen to the lab assistant, he/she will note and record the temperature of the collected specimen on the chain of custody form. The volume and temperature of your urine specimen must be within our established range. If your specimen is less than 50 mL and/or if the temperature is out of range, you will be asked to wait, drink some fluids and submit another specimen. You may **NOT** leave the collection site until an adequate specimen has been provided
7. The lab assistant will seal your specimen(s) with a security seal and you will initial it. You will also fill out the portion of the chain of custody form certifying that the specimen is your freshly voided urine.
8. Failure to comply with any or all of the above may result in the cancellation of your testing and your doctor will be notified.

We appreciate your patience with the process. Our systems and protocols are designed to ensure accuracy and reliability of results.

Summary

- Ensure that you bring valid government issued Photo ID to the lab for your collection
- You **MUST** provide a minimum of 50 mL or more of your freshly voided urine
- Urine Temperature **MUST** be within our established range and noted as such on the chain of custody form
- You **MUST** sign the chain of custody form
- You **MUST NOT LEAVE** the collection site for any reason without providing an adequate sample