SPECIMEN CONTAINER DISPOSAL UPDATE

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Disposal of Urine Collection Cups

The urine collection cup is used to collect urine and transfer it to urine tubes for testing. This cup has a recessed needle that is covered by a rubber sheath. The vacuum in the urine tubes allows the tubes to be filled when pierced by the recessed needle.

For proper disposal, please do the following:

1. Discard urine in toilet (drain connected to sanitary sewer)
2. Throw cup in regular trash (general waste)*

*If urine is visibly bloody, treat the cup as a contaminated sharp and discard in a sharps container.

Proper order of draw when filling urine tubes:

1. Gray top urine tube (culture); invert 8-10 times
2. Yellow top urine tube (urinalysis)

WARNING: To avoid a needlestick injury, do not place fingers near the recessed needle.

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