

# Urine test - 24 hour collection

## Analysis without additive



Your doctor has asked you to have a test for which you need to collect your urine for 24 hours. This fact sheet describes the purpose of the test, what it involves, and the collection steps.

### What is this test for?

It is used to detect certain illnesses. It is also used to check your kidney function.

### What does this test involve?

It consists of collecting all your urine in a container for 24 hours. The urine collected is used to measure certain elements to:

- make a diagnosis
- decide on a treatment (if needed)
- check your kidney function

### Where do I get a container?

Go to the CHUM Test Centre. You will first need to make an appointment on Clic-santé.

**Important!** Make sure to select the correct test (service) that you're coming for.

- 1000, rue Saint-Denis, Montréal H2X 0C1

The orange container you will be given is **the only container accepted** for this test.



### How do I collect the urine?

- 1 On the container label, write:
  - your first name
  - your family name
  - the number of your RAMQ health insurance card

- 2 Urinate in the toilet and empty your bladder completely. Immediately **write the date and time on the label** of the orange container. This is the start of the collection, even if you haven't yet put any urine into the container. The 24-hour countdown begins.

- 3 Put all the other urine** from the next 24 hours (day, evening and night) into the orange container. To do this, urinate into a clean, dry container and then pour the collected urine into the orange container. **Don't urinate directly into the orange container.**



#### ATTENTION

If you use the same container each time to collect your urine, rinse it **only with hot water**. Don't use any soap, as this would distort the result of your test.

- 4 The next day, at the exact time** the collection started, you must collect your urine one last time.

**Important:** Do it even if you don't feel like urinating. **Write the date and time on the label.** This is the end of the collection.

#### Example of a collection

If collection begins on December 8 at 11:25 a.m., it should end on December 9 at 11:25 a.m. It doesn't matter what time you start. You only have to respect the 24- hour period.

### Are there any precautions to take during the collection?

- **Keep the orange container in the refrigerator** throughout the collection.
- Put **all urine** produced during the 24 hours into the orange container. Otherwise, the data collected will be incomplete. You will then have to start collecting all over again.
- Be careful not to contaminate your urine with stool or toilet paper.

### What should I do once the collection is complete?

You have **24 hours** to return your clearly identified orange container to the CHUM Test Centre between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday to Friday. **Don't forget to bring your doctor's prescription.**

### When will I get the results?

Your doctor will give you the test results at your next visit.



#### USEFUL RESOURCES

Other health sheets published by the CHUM are available. Ask for those that might fit your situation.



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