

Urinalysis, Microscopic

CPT Code: 81015

Order Code: 1390

Includes: Microscopic Examination

ABN Requirement: No

Synonyms: Urinalysis with Microscopic Exam only

Specimen: Urine, Random

Volume: 10 mL

Minimum Volume: 1.0 mL

Container: Urine Specimen Preservative Tube (Cherry Red/Yellow Top or Stockwell Tube)

Collection:

1. Collect urine sample according to standard protocols.
2. Transfer aliquot from a clean urine cup into a urine specimen tube using the vacutainer transfer device included with the tube.
3. Gently invert tube 8-10 times.
4. Label tube according to standard protocols.

Collection Instructions: Encourage midstream samples to minimize contamination and improve accuracy.

Transport: Store urine at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): 72 hours

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 72 hours

Frozen (-20°C): Not Acceptable

Causes for Rejection: Specimens other than urine sample in a preservative tube; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; grossly bloody or mucoid samples.

Methodology: Microscopic Examination

Turn Around Time: 1 to 3 days

Limitations: Unusually colored urine due to medication, azo dyes (Pyridium, Azo Gantrisin, and Azo Gantanol) or riboflavin may interfere with any of the urine tests below.

Reference Range: See Laboratory Report

Clinical Significance: Microscopic examination is performed to detect the presence of abnormal urine cells and formed elements.

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