

Laboratory Educational Alert

Date: 5/17/2017

Effective Date: 5/17/2017

Title: Urine Specimen Requirements Update

Explanation of change: Update to specimen labeling requirements and specimen stability

	Old	New
Specimen Labeling Requirements	- Patient first and last name - Patient date of birth - Date and time of specimen collection	- Patient first and last name - Patient date of birth - Date and time of specimen collection -MediTech mnemonic of collector
Specimen Stability	Urine for culture and sensitivity: 24 hours in gray preservative tube.	- Urine for culture and sensitivity/gray preservative tube: 48 hours room temperature or refrigerated Urine for culture and sensitivity/unpreserved: 2 hours room temperature, 24 hours refrigerated.

	Date	5/24/17	
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