### Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

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<td>Mid-Stream Fresh Urine, In-Out Catheter Urine, PCN Urine, Catheter Urine, Supra-Pubic Aspirate</td>
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- **Preparation of the Patient:** Hand out provided for specimen collection, (MSU, from catheter)
- **Type of Collection Container:** For inpatient Urine Specimen in sterile Red top, for outpatient Boricon container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** 1% boric acid
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 10 – 25ml
  - **Minimum Quantity:** 3ml
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** If delay in between 2-4hrs at Room temp, If delay more than 4 hrs. at refrigerated temp
- **Special Instruction:** Never collect urine from a bedpan, urinal, or catheter bag; avoid testing during menses
- **Rejection Criteria:** QNS (<3ml) /Mixed with stool /sample in formalin/outside container/bottle, more than one sample per day
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Required

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<td>Culture &amp; Sensitivity</td>
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<td>00.01</td>
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