NURSING INSTRUCTIONS
24-HOUR URINE COLLECTION

Inpatient (uncatheterized):

1. Using the accompanying PRESERVATIVE TABLE identify the appropriate collection container to administer to the patient.
2. *No Preservative* containers are stocked on the floor. All other containers are retrieved from Lab Central Receiving (Rm HA619).
3. Write the medications the patient has been prescribed on the label on the urine container.
4. Fill out the test name and dietary restrictions on the PATIENT NSTRUCTIONS and give to patient.
5. Write the START DATE/TIME of the collection on the urine label.
6. Refrigerate urine container (or chill in a pan of ice) when not in use.
7. Upon completion of the collection, send urine container and appropriate requisition to the laboratory.

Inpatients (catheterized):

1. Using the accompanying PRESERVATIVE TABLE identify the appropriate collection container to administer to the patient.
2. *No Preservative* containers are stocked on the floor. All other containers are retrieved from Lab Central Receiving (Rm HA619).
3. Write the medications the patient has been prescribed on the label on the urine container.
4. Write the START DATE/TIME of the collection on the urine label.
5. Discard the contents of the urine bag.
6. At 4-hour intervals empty the contents of the bag into the urine container.
7. Cap and refrigerate urine container (or chill in a pan of ice) when not in use.
8. At the end of 24 hours, empty the urine bag for the final time.
10. Send urine container and appropriate requisition to the laboratory.

Patients being discharged:

1. Using the accompanying PRESERVATIVE TABLE identify the appropriate collection jug to administer to the patient.
2. *No Preservative* containers are stocked on the floor. All other containers are retrieved from Lab Central Receiving (Rm HA619).
3. Provide the patient with a collection jug and an instruction sheet and review the collection procedure with him/her.
4. If applicable advise the patient of the hazard associated with the preservative used in the collection jug.
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Outpatients (Kentucky Clinic and Kentucky Clinic South):

1. Using the accompanying PRESERVATIVE TABLE identify the appropriate collection jug to administer to the patient.
2. If the jug is available at the floor/clinic proceed to step 3. If the jug is not available at your location, retrieve one from Kentucky Clinic Laboratory (Rm c204).
3. Provide the patient with a collection jug and an instruction sheet and review the collection procedure with him/her.
4. If applicable advise the patient of the hazard associated with the preservative used in the collection jug.