

Urine cytology sample collection

NO BOOKING REQUIRED



If the urine sample is not refrigerated or there is a delay in delivering it to PathWest, it can affect your results, and you may be asked to repeat the test.



Scan for locations

You will be given a sterile container for each of your samples. If the container is damaged or you have touched the inside, please ask for a new container.

1. Urine cytology should be collected as three separate urine samples over three consecutive days i.e. day 1 = bottle #1, day 2 = bottle #2 and day 3 = bottle #3
2. Write your **full name, date of birth, the date and time of collection, and which bottle in the collect it is (i.e. bottle #1, #2 or #3)** on each container.
3. It is preferred that the **second** urine of each day, for three consecutive days is collected.
4. For your sample, collect all of the urine each time if possible.
5. After each sample is collected, make sure the lid is on tightly to prevent any leaks. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
6. Each collection should be delivered to a PathWest collection centre, with the request form, the same day it is collected.

Sample handling, storage and delivery

If you are at a collection centre

Place the container into the plastic bag provided and hand it to a staff member

If collecting a sample at home

Deliver it to a PathWest collection centre within **one hour**. If immediate delivery is not possible, store the sample in the fridge (not freezer) for up to 12 hours in an additional sealed bag.

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