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Integrated Urgent Care

Urine Samples at Bases

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Aim of this SOP

The main aim of this SOP is to ensure the safe management of clinical waste regarding the management of urine at all Treatment Centres.

When to use the Urine Sample at Bases SOP

All urine samples collected at a base or brought into a base must be in a sealed white top urine bottle. This SOP explains the process to ensure that patient's, Operations staff and Clinicians are clear about how to implement this process.



Guidance

When using this Urine Sample at Bases SOP, refer to:

[Infection Prevention and Control Policy – Radar](#)

[Specimen Collection, Handling and Transportation SOP – Radar](#)

This guidance is based on [Health Technical Memorandum 07-01: Safe and sustainable management of healthcare waste](#) from the NHS England (2022)

How to collect a urine sample at a Base

Call handlers and Work and Capacity Co-ordinator (WACC)

All call handlers and WACCs must clearly state to patients and carers that a urine sample may be required and will only be accepted in White Top Urine Bottle. If the patient or carer has a White Top Urine Bottle at home, this can be used. If the patient or carer does not have a White Top Urine Bottle, then Hosts and WACCs will advise them to collect this at a Treatment centre during the visit.

This may need time for patients and carers so ensure they arrive promptly for their appointment time and remind patients that if a urine sample is likely as part of their assessment then to come in plenty of time and drink water in readiness for this.

Hosts

All Hosts only accept urine samples from patients and carers if given in a White Top Urine Bottle. Encourage patients and carers to use the facilities to gain a fresh sample.

Clinicians

All urine samples will be handled by a clinician and will be in a sealed White Top Urine Bottle. Where this is not possible such as children, a disposable vomit bowl may be used to collect urine at a Treatment Centre, this can be decanted into the White Top Urine Bottle.

In bases where there is a sluice present, urine can be poured away as clinical waste. Some bases will not have sluice facilities (such Christchurch, Downend). In these instances, the sealed White Top Urine Bottle must be disposed of re-sealed into a clinical waste bag. In Christchurch Downend, this can be done in the Nurses station.

Urine must never be emptied into sinks and if necessary, disposed into a toilet where there are no sluice facilities present.

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