## Comprehensive Urinary Hormone Profile (First Morning Void)



## Collection Instructions

#### When Should I Collect My Urine?





1. Collect urine specimen in disposable cup.

2. Transfer urine specimen from the cup to the color-coded test tubes as indicated above using plastic pipette.

3. Screw cap onto test tube securing urine specimen.

## To view collection instruction videos online, please scan the QR code below or visit www.PhysiciansLab.com/collection-instructions



#### Sample Rejection

Avoid over hydration. IMPORTANT: Most rejected samples are a result of exceeding fluid restrictions, consuming caffeine and/or taking diuretic medications. Please drink less than 8 oz. in between each collection and minimize caffeine/diuretics to avoid sample dilution. Dilute samples will require re-collection and may incur an additional shipping fee. All collection tubes must be sent back, or samples may be rejected. Samples over 30 days old will NOT be processed.

#### Day Prior to Collection

#### **Preparation**

Read all instructions completely. Stop taking all Oral, Troche & Sublingual hormones (any hormone taken by mouth) at least 4 hours before bed. Take all other hormones and supplements as prescribed (\*\*see additional restrictions list of items that should be skipped for 3 days prior to collection).

#### Collection Timing

While adhering to your most common wake/sleep schedule, collect as close as possible to the below time-line.

#### IMPORTANT: Please record collection day and times below and return with your samples.

Collection Day:// mm/dd/yy	
Preparation	<b>Morning of Collection</b> Do not use any Oral Hormones or Vaginal Hormones until after sample collection is complete.
Collection 1	Immediately After Waking Collect urine within 5 minutes of waking up (do not lay in bed awake before collecting). Once you have collected this sample, you may resume normal hormone and supplement use.

#### Hormone Users

**Oral, Troche or Sub-lingual Therapies:** The day before collection, stop taking any hormones taken by mouth at least 4 hours before bed. Do not take Oral Hormones on the morning of collection.

**Patches, Pellets or Injectable:** Collect half-way between administrations. For example, collect 3-4 days after a once-a-week injection, and 2-3 weeks after a once a-month patch. Perform daily injections as usual, unless otherwise directed by your physician.

**Topical and Vaginal Hormone Cream/Gel Users:** Hormone creams/gels may directly contaminate the urine and cause false-high results; as such, do NOT use vaginal or topical hormones on the morning of collection until after you have collected your morning urine. Do NOT use bare hands for topical hormone application for at least two days prior to collection. Vaginal hormone users should use a Clean Catch urine collection method on the day of collection. Prior to collection, avoid touching bathroom surfaces which may be contaminated with traces of hormones and change hand towels the night before collection to avoid sample contamination. Topical Hormones may be resumed after collecting the morning urine sample.

#### Fluid Restrictions

- 🖄 Stop drinking fluids 2 hours before bed.
- A Do not drink any fluids prior to collecting the morning urine sample.
- △ Do not exceed normal intake of caffeine and Vitamin C for 24 hours before and during urine collection.

#### Additional Restrictions

It's up to the patient and physician to determine if they want an assessment of the body under the current metabolic conditions with supplements or without the aid of supplementation. Avoid anti-aging/antiwrinkle facial creams for 3 days prior to testing as they may contain undisclosed hormones. Do not consume alcohol within 24 hours of collection. Delay collection if you have a urinary tract infection until after completing treatment. Avoid consumption of the following for at least 3 days prior to testing:

- 🖄 Green Tea (ECGC)
- 🖄 Black Tea
- 🖄 Red Wine
- 🖄 NSAIDs
- 🖄 Hydrocortisone

- 🖄 Menthol
- Clovebud Oil
- A Peppermint Oil
- All-Spice Berry Oil
- 🖄 Corticosteroids

- Milk Thistle
- 🖄 Flax Seed
- 🖄 Sesame Seed
- 🖄 Grapefruit
- A Phytoestrogen Supplements

#### Shipping

Place the refrigerated urine samples and frozen ice pack into the box immediately before shipping and return using the FedEx pre-paid shipping envelope provided. Place your kit in the FedEx envelope and bring to any certified FedEx drop off location, drop box (any day but Sunday), or local FedEx Office. In the event you are not able to ship them next day, simply store the samples in the refrigerator until you can ship them.

#### Place all these items in test kit box:

- 🖄 Tubes with frozen ice pack
- 🖄 Billing/PHI Form
- Copy of insurance card (front and back)



#### You may collect on any day of the week and samples can be shipped back any day but Sunday.

#### FAQ

Q: What if I need to restart because of an error?

A: Please rinse the tubes out with purified water and air dry.

- Q: What if I wake up in the middle of the night to urinate?
- A: Do not collect any overnight sample.

Q: Should I continue taking my birth control during my collection?

A: Yes, continue taking birth control as prescribed by your physician.

Failure to follow instructions may compromise the clinical usefulness of your lab results. Please contact your health care provider or Physicians Lab if you need assistance. Abnormal kidney function may influence test results. Do not perform on individuals with kidney disorders. Certain medicines may impact test results (e.g. cephalosporins, cimetidine, fibrates and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole). Let your physician know about your use of these medications. Do not change use of medications unless instructed to do so by your healthcare provider.

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