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|  | **METHod OF urine COLLECTION TO SEARCH FOr mycobacteria** |  |

**Dear user**, below you will find the instructions to follow for the correct collection, storage and delivery of the urine sample/s.

1. Get a sterile container with a screw cap provided by the Sampling Centre or purchasable at a Pharmacy.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTION

1. Do not drink during the night before the test (from 24:00 to 8:00).
2. In the morning, after normal genital hygiene, collect the first urine stream in the sterile container, up to about half (**50 mL**).
3. Close the cap correctly, ensuring it is properly sealed, to avoid contaminations and leakage of material.
4. Deliver to the Sampling Centre within 2 hours of collection at the latest, otherwise store in the refrigerator at +4°C for up to 4 hours.

N.B. In case of requests for multiple samples (1st , 2nd , 3rd, etc.), they will have to be collected day by day and may not be grouped and delivered on the last day of collection.

**Clinical significance of the test**

The test is performed to identify the presence of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex in the event of systemic infection from mycobacteria.