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|  | **METHod OF urine COLLECTION TO SEARCH FOr *SCHISTOSOMA HAEMATOBIUM* EGGS** |  |

**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. Collection should preferably take place between 10:00 and 14:00, without having urinated for at least 3 hours.
2. Before collection, bend your knees at least 20 times or go up and down the stairs several times to facilitate the detachment of whatever eggs might be present.
3. Collect at least 30-40 mL of urine from the terminal part of the stream.
4. Close the cap correctly, ensuring it is properly sealed, to avoid contaminations and leakage of material.
5. 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 the event 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

Urinary schistosomiasis is a parasitic disease widespread in Africa and in some Middle Eastern countries. The detection of *Schistosoma haematobium* eggs in the urine is diagnostic.