## **Manual of Administration**

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| Support  | Urine Specimen Collection | Date of Issue: 04/09 |
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## **PURPOSE:**

To outline the process required in order to provide a clean urine sample for laboratory analysis when required.

## PROCEDURE:

- 1. If you are able, plan the time of the sample collection, so that it gets to the lab as soon as possible after collection. Depending on the test, a morning sample may be preferable.
- 2. Offer the person you are supporting fluids to drink 30 to 60 minutes prior to the collection time.
- 3. Wash your hands thoroughly and apply disposable gloves.
- 4. Explain the procedure to the person you are supporting in a reassuring manner.
  - 4.1. Provide the person with privacy if able to collect the sample on his/her own.
  - 4.2. If unable to complete independently, support to install urine collection hat beneath the toilet seat, or use the laboratory specimen collection container.
- 5. Transfer the person's urine into the laboratory specimen collection container. Tightly close the lid, put container in a sealed bag.
  - 5.1. Refrigerate specimen until delivered to the laboratory.
- 6. Remove and dispose of gloves. Wash hands thoroughly.
- 7. Take the sample to the laboratory within specified time limits.