

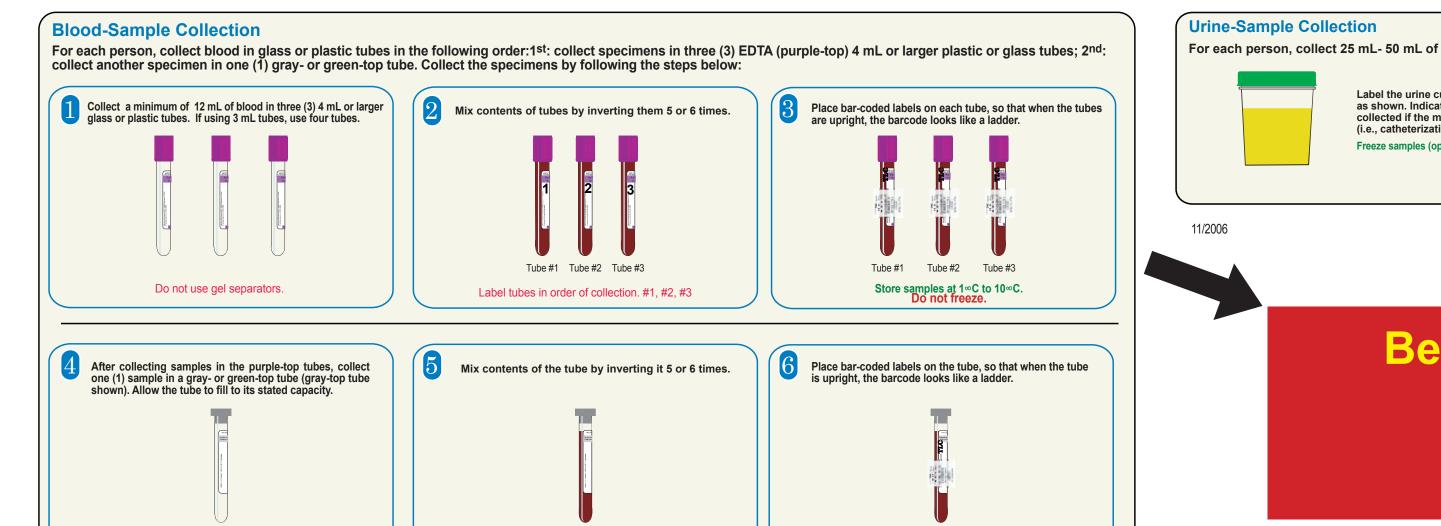
CLINICAL TESTING FOLLOWING A SUSPECTED CHEMICAL EXPOSURE EVENT

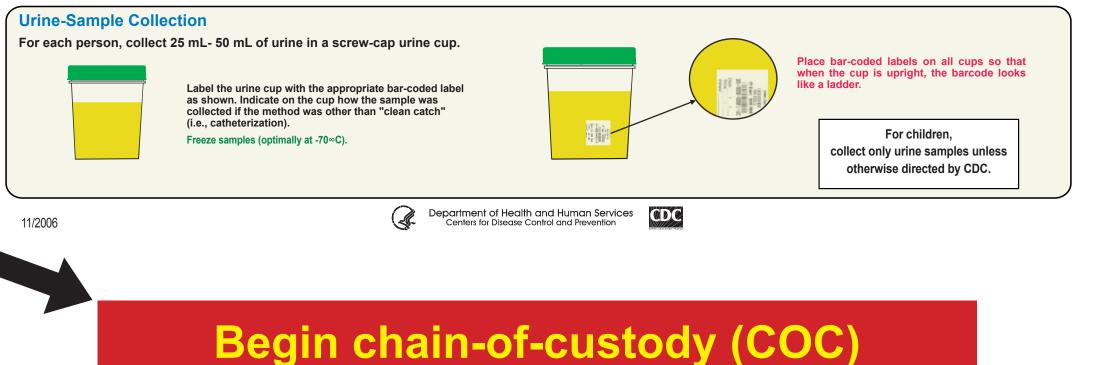
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Do not use gel separators

Important: If you suspect exposure to a chemical agent, you <u>must</u> contact the Wadsworth Center before collecting and submitting any clinical specimens (These instructions apply to New York State, excluding the 5 boroughs of New York City) After Hours Public Health Duty Officer (866) 881-2809

#### **Step 1: COLLECTION**





forms and keep with

specimens at all times

# **Step 2: PACKAGING and DOCUMENTATION**

Pack and Ship Clinical Specimens as Category B Infectious Substances

BLOOD SPECIMENS	URINE SPECIMENS	
Primary Receptacle		
<ul> <li>BLOOD TUBE (NON-GEL)</li> <li>3ml or larger purple-top</li> <li>3ml or larger gray-/green-top</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>URINE CUP</li> <li>Sterile, plastic, screw-capped</li> </ul>	
Secondary Packaging Materials for protecting primary receptacles, absorbent material, and waterproof, 95 kPa pressure resistant packaging		
<ul> <li>Keep blood tubes separated, or wrap tubes to prevent contact between them</li> <li>Place specimens in secondary packaging. Package blood tubes by patient number so that all specimens from the same patient are together</li> <li>Add absorbent material (enough to absorb entire contents of all tubes)</li> <li>Secure first layer of secondary packaging with a single strip of evidence tape initialed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the container and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the tape by the person making the seal</li> <li>Wrap and seal first layer of secondary packaging with absorbent material</li> <li>Place into additional layer(s) of secondary packaging (if necessary) and secure outermost layer with a single strip of evidence tape initialed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the tape by the person making the seal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keep urine cups separated, or wrap cups to prevent contact between them</li> <li>Place specimens in secondary packaging</li> <li>Secure first layer of secondary packaging with a single strip of evidence tape initialed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the container and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the tape by the person making the seal</li> <li>Place into additional layer(s) of secondary packaging (if necessary) and secure outermost layer with a single strip of evidence tape initialed <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on the tape by the person making the seal</li> </ul>	
Polystyrene foam-insulated o	ackaging corrugated fiberboard shippers on urine cups in the same package	

Ship at 1°C-10°C	Ship to ensure specimens remain frozen or freeze while in transport
<ul> <li>Place absorbent material in the bottom of the shipper</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place absorbent material in the bottom of the shipper</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Add a layer of refrigerator packs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Add a layer of dry ice (Do not use large chunks/flakes)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Place secondary packaging on top of refrigerator packs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Place secondary packaging on top of dry ice</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Add additional cushioning material to minimize shifting during transport</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Add additional cushioning material to minimize shifting during transport</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Add an additional layer of refrigerator packs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Add an additional layer of dry ice</li> </ul>

#### **Documentation**

Since blood tubes and urine cups are shipped separately, prepare a separate shipping manifest for each
Place shipping manifest in a sealable plastic bag on top of specimens before closing lid of shipper

### **Step 3: SHIPPING PREPARATIONS**

- Secure outer packaging tops and bottoms with filamentous shipping tape
- Affix labels and markings adjacent to the shippers/consignees' address
- Place a UN3373 diamond marking on the shipper
- Place the proper shipping name, "Biological substance, Category B" adjacent to the UN3373 marking
- For packages containing dry ice, place a Class 9 Hazard Label on the same side of the shipper as the UN3373 marking. If the proper shipping name, either "dry ice" or "carbon dioxide solid," and UN1845 is not preprinted on the hazard label, add it adjacent to the label. Note the weight of dry ice on the preprinted area of the hazard label
- Orientation arrows are not required
- Complete an airway bill if transported by a commercial air carrier

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## Step 4: SHIPPING SPECIMENS Laboratory Approval Required

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Follow your facility's policy to maintain proper COC of specimens



Questions pertaining to guidance materials can be directed to the New York State Laboratory Response Network: Irnexec@health.state.ny.us