TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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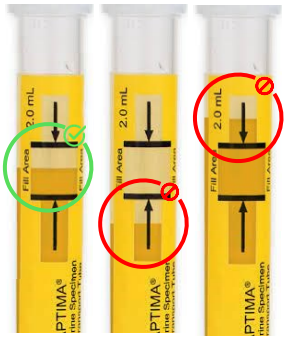
ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS

Reminders for Urine Specimen Submissions

- Testing for urine culture and sensitivity (C&S) must begin within 48 hours of collection. To meet this holding time, samples cannot be collected on Fridays. Urine C&S samples collected on Thursdays must be received by our Mobile Laboratory before noon the next day (Friday) to allow time for analysis.

- Excepting Jefferson and Montgomery counties, urine is the only specimen that can be self-collected for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Trichomonas (CT/NG/TV) testing. Specimens other than urine marked as self-collected will be reported as unsatisfactory.

- Aptima Urine Collection Kits must be filled between the black lines only. Overfilled or underfilled tubes will be considered unsatisfactory specimens and will require recollection.
  - ◊ Additionally, ensure the fill line viewing window (space between the black lines) is not obscured by labels. Laboratory staff must be able to see the urine level in the tube without removing labels.



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