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Urine Sample Collection for Mitochondrial Studies

| General Information | Fresh/frozen muscle is the preferred sample type for mitochondrial testing; however, testing for the common mitochondrial variants and full sequencing of the mitochondrial genome is available on urine samples. Deletion/Duplication testing cannot be performed on urine as the DNA quantity is not sufficient. |
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| Labelling the Specimen | A urine container (with patient label) should be provided to the patient with a Molecular Genetics Laboratory Requisition requesting the MNM or LHON Variant Panel OR Mitochondrial full sequencing. Print the date and time the specimen was collected on your lab requisition. Fold and place the requisition in the outside pocket of the plastic bag |
| Lab Requisition | Healthcare provider must complete a Molecular Genetics Laboratory General Requisition https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21892.pdf |
| Collecting the Specimen | Collect 50 ml of "First morning" urine in the sterile container provided. Samples must be collected on a Sunday and/or Monday morning. An initial urine sample should be collected- NOT "mid-stream" |
| Specimen Delivery to Lab | Bring your specimen and requisition to your local laboratory within 24 hours of collection. Store at room temperature Laboratory location, hours and contact information may be found at: www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca Alberta Precision Laboratories at 1-877-868-6848 |
| Questions About Your Collection? | Contact your healthcare provider or call Client Response at 780-407-7484 |