

COLLECTING URINE FOR A URINE CULTURE TEST

Urine must be collected on the morning of the day the sample is delivered for testing, and be collected at least two hours after the latest urination.

The patient needs to:

- Wash their genitals with soap and water.
- Open the sterile container (available from the pharmacy). Please do not touch the edges.
- Urinate briefly into the toilet then stop the flow. Urinate into the container.
- Screw the container shut.

Deliver the sample to the Payment/Registration Service (Servizio Cassa/Accettazione) in Via Jommelli 2 (from Monday to Friday between 7.15 and 10.00). The patient should bring:

- *The request from his/her doctor.*
- *Personal identity documents (health service card, ID card and exemption cards, if applicable).*
- *The urine sample.*

URINE CULTURE FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF TWO

The urine must be collected in a sterile plastic bag for small children. After collecting the urine, the bag must be placed in a sterile container with a screw top avoiding contact with the hands as far as possible.

Given the high probability of contamination, while a negative result makes a urinary infection unlikely, a positive result will make it necessary to carry out further tests and to take a urine sample using a bladder catheter depending on the paediatrician's opinion.