

## Urine Culture

Order Name: **C URINE RT**

Test Number: 6002002

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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Urine Culture	Culture	630-4

### SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (mL)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	3 mL (1)	Urine, Random	Sarstedt Monovettes	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	3 mL (1)	Urine, Random	BD Urine Vacutainer	Refrigerated
Alternate 2	3 mL (1)	Urine, Random	Sterile Urine container	Refrigerated

**Instructions**

The bacteria present in specimens multiply quickly in urine at room temperature. Therefore, a properly filled urine transport tube containing boric acid is recommended to ensure optimal results if the specimen cannot be refrigerated until arrival in the lab. Care should be taken to collect a specimen without skin contamination (skin contaminants can multiply as well). The source should be indicated. Please refer to urine culture collection guide for more information.

Stability: **Room temperature** 2 hours, **Refrigerated** 48 hours, **Preserved** (boric acid) 48 hours (room temperature or refrigerated)

*Urine in preservative tubes must be filled to the minimum fill mark on the tube.*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	2 Days
Clinical Use	Identifies urinary tract pathogens
CPT Code(s)	87086
Lab Section	Microbiology