

ACL Laboratories uses the red/yellow top tube for urinalysis testing.



The red/yellow top tubes contain a preservative that prevents the degeneration of the cellular elements and the overgrowth of bacteria without interfering with testing methods. These preservative tubes extend the stability of the sample for urinalysis testing to 48 hours.

Urines collected in other containers without the preservative are stable for only 2 hours at room temperature. Refrigerated stability varies and may be as short as 8 hours in extremely abnormal urines.

The red/yellow top urine preservative tube cannot be used for urine cultures. Samples for urinalysis with reflex to culture, if indicated, require a 4.0 mL gray top tube to be submitted with the red/yellow top tube. Reflex culture orders will be canceled/credited if the 4.0 mL gray top tube is not submitted.



Test Name	Test Order Code	Specimen Collection Container
Urinalysis Screen, Urine Complete	USCR, UCOM	1 red/yellow top
Urinalysis Screen and Urine Culture Reflex, Urinalysis Complete and Urine Culture Reflex	UACS, UCOMCS	1 red/yellow top <b>and</b> 1 small gray top
Urinalysis Screen or Urine Complete <b>and</b> Urine Culture	USCR or UCOM and URC	1 red/yellow top <b>and</b> 1 small gray top
Urine Culture	URC	1 small gray top

Please refer to the ACL Laboratories Directory of Services (<http://www.acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/>) for specimen collection requirements.