



## Memorandum

**Date** December 22, 2009  
**To** LHSC/SJHC Nursing Staff, LHSC Clinical Educators, SJHC Professional Practice Group  
**From** Dr. Vipin Bhayana, Section Head  
**Subject** Specimen Collection for Urine Dipstick

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Please note the following specimen collection requirements for Urinalysis by Dipstick effective December 21, 2009:

- Urine specimen should be fresh and uncentrifuged
- Unrefrigerated specimens must be received in the laboratory within 4 hrs. of collection
- Refrigerate the specimen (do not freeze) if you anticipate delays in delivering to the core laboratory
- Refrigerated samples are acceptable for analysis until 12 hrs. of collection
- Urine specimens >12 hrs. old will not be analyzed

There is no change in our requirement for microscopic urinalysis – All urine specimens for microscopic analysis must be received within 4 hrs. of collection.

Please call Jennifer Bell at extension 55399 for any further information.