

Urine Drug Screen (Level 3)

This test incurs an out of pocket fee that is required to be paid at time of collection unless a third party has been nominated. If you nominate a third party to pay, you must provide TML Pathology with a written statement (on letter-headed paper) from the third party clearly stating they will accept the costs. The collection will not proceed without payment.

What to Expect:

- Photo ID must be shown to the collector for the collection to proceed.
- You will need to sign all tamper evident labels, seals and forms. Please follow collectors' instructions on where to sign.
- Forms asking about your current medications and other personal information will be given to you to complete. You must complete any forms presented to you.
- You will need to be in the presence of the collector until the last sample is sealed in a tamper evident bag. Please be patient and wait until the collector instructs you to leave.

Sample Collection – General Steps

1. The collector will ask you to remove coats/jumpers and to empty your pockets. All personal belongings will be left outside the collection room.
2. You will be asked to wash your hands prior to producing a sample.
3. A coloured solution will be added to the toilet. Water taps and soap will be made tamper evident (i.e. a paper bag taped over the taps).
4. A sample collection cup will be provided for you to submit a minimum 40mL of urine. **The collection staff member waits outside the cubicle with the door slightly ajar whilst you urinate.**
5. Once finished, the sample cup is handed to the collector. The collector observes the toilet prior to flushing.
6. The urine will be temperature tested. If the temperature is outside 33-38 °C, or anything unusual is noted of the urine, another sample will be required.

Why do we ask for photo ID?

Medical and legal Drug Screen Testing require us to perform strict documentation of the process.

Chain-of-Custody refers to the documentation process required for the results to be legally defensible if formally challenged.

This process protects the rights of the person undergoing a drug of abuse test and minimises the risk of allegations of specimen tampering and adulteration.

In order to ensure that a pathology test, particularly when performed for medicolegal requirements, meets the minimum requirements of the court or the requesting authority we must positively identify the donor in such a way that identity cannot be contested - photographic identification is the best and most widely accepted way to ensure this. There is no point in performing testing on a sample if any findings can be dismissed on the grounds that the identity of the donor is uncertain.