

Lab Testing Instructions for Patients Updated: 11/16/12

Progressive Medical Center Department: Nursing

## Urine Toxic Elements

Before test

- 1. Omit fish and shellfish for 3 days before test
- 2. Eliminate non-essential medications 48 hours prior to collection
- 3. Do not collect urine during a menstrual period
- 4. Check that you have: orange large collection container, 1 specimen cup, 1 vial, 1 zip-lock bag with absorbent material, 1 test requisition form, 1 FedEx Clinical Pak with prepaid billable stamp, 1 cardboard box that contents came in to send back to lab.
- 5. Use containers provided to not falsify results
- 1. Void bladder
- 2. Take ½ of the capsules given with kit one hour before eating
- 3. Begin collecting all urine
- 4. Four hours later take the other half of capsules
- 5. Continue collection through the next morning, ending with first morning urine

## After collection

- 1. Put orange collection container on a level surface
- 2. Read volume from the markings on container
- 3. Put volume on the requisition form (top right hand corner)
- 4. Put date of collection on the requisition form
- 5. Put height and weight on requisition form
- 6. Check box marked 24 hours and fill in the total volume collected.
- 7. Gently shake orange container for at least 30 seconds
- 8. Pour urine into specimen vial to the top
- 9. Label vial with your name, date of birth. Test cannot be run without this information on vial
- 10. Tighten vial so it does not spill
- 11. Put vial into the zip-lock bag
- 12. Put bag with urine in shipping box
- 13. Put signed requisition into the box. Keep in refrigerator until shipped.

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## Shipping

- 1. Place cardboard box with urine in the FedEx Clinical Pak which was provide
- 2. Write your name and address in the space provided on the prepaid billable stamp
- 3. Tear off the customer receipt for your records
- 4. Affix the Billable Stamp to the Clinical pack in the space provided.
- 5. Call FedEx at 1-800-238-5355 to schedule pickup
- 6. When you hear the automated greeting say "REP", you will be asked if you are shipping a package, say "YES." You will then get a live rep
- 7. Tell rep you need pickup for shipment using a prepaid "Billable Stamp."
- 8. Give address to rep for pickup
- 9. Do not use a drop box. FedEx will not accept it.