

Information for Service Users

Microbiology Urinalysis: Step-by-Step Patient Instructions

- The tubes will contain a small amount of white powder. This is the boric acid preservative. Please **DO NOT** remove before use.
- Use the supplied collection cup (if required) to collect the sample. Decant into the sample tube taking care to fill to the fill-line. This ensures the correct concentration of boric acid in the sample.
- Tightly close the lid and gently invert 5 times to mix.
- Remember to label the urine container with your full name, date of birth and your NHS number; please include time and date of
 collection. If you have been given a blood / laboratory test form with barcode label stickers with the relevant information, attach
 the label vertically on the side of the tube.







