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## **Collection Instructions for Urinary Kryptopyrrole Test Samples**

Below are answers to commonly asked questions regarding urine collection for Urinary Kryptopyrrole testing. Further questions can be answered by your collection agent, your doctor/medical practitioner, or by phoning SAFE Analytical Laboratories.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed below may result in an invalid result and/or recollection of the sample.



**Time**: Ideally, the sample should be the **second** void of the day. If a second void sample is not obtainable, samples taken later in the day are still acceptable. It should **not** be the first morning specimen.



**Food and Drink**: All samples are adjusted for level of hydration of the patient – It is not necessary for the patient to alter their fluid intake prior to sample collection. **Note:** Patients are not advised to intake large volumes of water to induce urination or fast prior to collection, as over or under hydration may invalidate results.



**Drugs or Supplements:** For initial test/diagnosis of pyrroluria, no mineral or vitamin supplements should be taken for 3 days prior to collection. If testing to monitor efficacy of treatment, supplementation should continue as indicated by your doctor/medical practitioner.

Patients should NOT alter their medications or supplements unless instructed to do so by their doctor/medical practitioner.



**Light:** Pyrrole is very sensitive to **sunlight.** Indoor fluorescent lighting will not adversely affect the sample, but reduced lighting conditions are recommended during collection. **There is NO need to urinate in the dark.** 



**Collection Requirements:** You should be provided with 2 sample jars. One will be empty, and the other will contain a white preservative powder.

- Collect urine in the empty, [no powder] jar (as much as possible minimum 40ml).
- Transfer ~½ the urine (minimum 20ml) into jar with the powder; do NOT transfer back into the original jar. DO NOT Shake the urine, Place lids on both jars tightly.
- 3. Both samples are to be immediately wrapped in aluminium foil to protect them from light, and frozen (this should be done by the collection agent).
- 4. When samples are transported, they must remain frozen.

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