

Preparing the Patient

- 1. Review collection instructions with patient.
- 2. Give patient the collection instructions, filter, container, and ambient bag.
- 3. Explain to patient where they need to return stone when they have completed their collection.

Sending Specimens

- 1. Clean any blood or foreign material from the stone with water.
- 2. Stone should be air dried thoroughly at room temperature for 24 hours on a tissue or towel, and sent the in container provided.
- 3. Send entire stone in the container provided in the Stone Analysis Collection Kit (T550) or Urine Tubes, 10 mL (T068). Important: Any residual moisture on the stone or in the container will result in a testing delay. A dry stone will not stick to the walls of the container.
 - **Do not** send stone in formalin, surgical gel, or any other liquid as it interferes with the analytical procedure.
 - **Do not** tape specimen to anything. Tape interferes with the analytical procedure.
 - Do not send filter.
- 4. If multiple stones are collected and individual testing is desired for each stone, place each stone into its own container. Testing must be ordered separately on each stone. Each test will be charged separately. Multiple containers received under one accession order will be combined for testing.
- 5. Indicate source of specimen on outside of container (eg, left kidney, bladder, right ureter).
- 6. Attach a specimen identification label to the container.
- 7. Order KIDST / Kidney Stone Analysis.
- 8. Send specimen at ambient temperature.

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