## Infant Urine Collection

## **Patient Preparation**

This is done to make or exclude a diagnosis of urinary tract infection. Collection of a clean sample is important as contamination may interfere with an accurate result.

## Please follow these instructions:

- 1. Using hot soapy water, wash out a plastic container (e.g ice-cream container). Dry container well.
- 2. Try to collect sample when baby's nappy is dry indicating he/she may be ready to pass urine.
- 3. Bath baby, washing the penis/labia well.
- 4. Pat the baby dry.
- 5. Hold baby over the plastic container with knees bent upwards. After a short wait baby will probably pass urine.
- 6. Place baby on the floor, bed, or large surface from which he/she will not fall.
- 7. Open the yellow top specimen jar and pour urine directly into the container.
- 8. Screw jar lid firmly onto jar and write baby's name, date of birth and time/date of collection.
- 9. Place the specimen jar in the fridge.
- 10. Attend to baby.
- 11. Please deliver to your nearest Abbott Pathology Collection Centre as soon as you can.
- 12. If this fails, a bag urine collection may be required. (These are available at your nearest collection centre.)
- 13. If you have any queries, please telephone us on 08 8159 7900 and speak to the Duty Manager.

