



MAT Program

Procedure for Urine Drug Screen/Chain of Custody

New patients and patients who are seen on a weekly basis are drugged screened in the following manner:

1. New Drug Screen Cup and packaged lid are taken from the box
2. The cup is unwrapped.
3. Patient's first initial and last name are written on the cup
4. The employee takes the patient into the bathroom. The bathroom is scanned for any articles that may have been left in the room.
5. Staff should stand near but should never touch the patient
6. The patient is instructed to adjust the clothing in a manner that the employee may view the urine leaving the body.
7. The cup is handed to the patient.
8. As the employee is watching the urine leave the body, the employee opens the package containing the lid.
9. Then the patient hands the cup to the employee the lid is then placed on the cup.
10. The patient is then allowed to readjust their clothing accordingly.
11. The patient washes their hands while the employee takes the specimen into the lab to set the appropriate timer. At no time is the patient in control of the specimen.
12. After the appropriate time has expired the drug screen is read and the results noted.
13. If there is a question regarding the results of the UDS the employee who has collected the specimen asks another trained employee to read the results.
14. Physician will receive a written copy of all drug screen results prior to the beginning of the group meeting.
 - a. If the urine contains a substance other than or a prescribed medication (buprenorphine and norbuprenorphine) **and the patient has admitted using, the physician is notified** before group starts.
 - b. If the urine contains a substance other than buprenorphine or a prescribed substance and the patient **denies** using, the physician is notified before group and a decision is made on the next step to make based on sound MEDICAL practice.
15. A breathalyzer test may be performed on a patient if the physician or staff deem it necessary.

16. If the patient cannot provide a urine sample within 30 minutes of arrival to the clinic medicine will not be dispensed that day and the patient must return the next day for a UDS and prescription.

Patients who have been “clean” for a period of 90 days or longer are screened in the following manner:

1. New Drug Screen Cup and packaged lid are taken from the box.
2. The cup is unwrapped.
3. Patient’s first initial and last name are written on the cup.
4. The cup is handed to the patient with the instruction to place the cup in the “lab door” in the bathroom when finished. (The patient will be screened in the New Patient scenario monthly, or more often if the staff feels it may be necessary).
5. The employee retrieves the test from the “lab door” and places the lid on the cup and sets the timer.
6. After the appropriate time has expired the screen is read and the results noted.
7. If there is a question regarding the results of the UDS the employee who has collected the specimen asks another trained employee to read the results.
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9. Physician will receive a written copy of all drug screen results prior to the beginning of the group meeting.
10. A breathalyzer test may be performed on a patient if the physician or staff deem it necessary.
11. If the patient cannot provide a urine sample within 30 minutes of arrival to the clinic medicine will not be dispensed that day and the patient must return the next day for a UDS and prescription.