

CHEMICAL THREAT PACKAGING AND SHIPPING GUIDE FOR URINE SPECIMENS

COLLECTED FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO CHEMICAL AGENTS

II. PACKAGING SPECIMENS- URINE CUPS

INNER PACKAGING	OUTER PACKAGING
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Separate or wrap each urine cup to prevent contact between urine cups. 2. Secure the 1st layer of secondary packaging with one continuous strip of tamper-evident tape and write packer's initials half on the tape and half on the 1st layer of secondary packaging. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Either pack urine cups in a gridded box lined with absorbent material—or—seal individually wrapped urine cups inside a clear, leak-proof polybag. b. Seal the box or bag with one continuous piece of evidence tape and write your initials half on the tape and half on the container/bag. 3. Wrap and seal this first layer of secondary packaging (e.g., gridded box/polybag) with absorbent material and place in a clear, leak-proof biohazard polybag equivalent to Saf-T-Pak product STP-701, STP-711 or STP-731. 4. Place this bag inside a white Tyvek® outer envelope (or equivalent); seal the opening with a continuous strip of evidence tape initialed half on the packaging and half on the tape. <p>SHIP TO: William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute Chemical Threat Response Laboratory 305 South Street, Room 305 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 ATTN: Dr. Jennifer Jenner 24/7 Cell: 617-839-1283 Tel: 617-983-6650</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use a polystyrene foam-insulated, corrugated fiberboard shipper (may be available from your transfusion service or send-outs department). 2. For cushioning, place additional absorbent material in the <u>bottom</u> of the shipper. 3. Place a layer of dry ice on top of the absorbent material. <u>Do not use flakes or large chunks of dry ice.</u> 4. Place packaged urine cups in the shipper. 5. Use additional absorbent or cushioning material between wrapped urine cups to minimize shifting while shipper is in transit. 6. Place an additional layer of dry ice on top of samples to ensure that specimens will remain frozen or will freeze during transport. 7. Place the urine shipping manifest in a sealable plastic bag and put on top of dry ice inside the shipper. 8. Keep chain-of-custody documents for your files. 9. Place lid on cooler, but DO NOT seal with tape. 10. Secure corrugated fiber board (outer box) with filamentous shipping tape. 11. Place your return address (including telephone number) in the upper left-hand corner of the shipper top and place receiver's address in center. 12. Place a UN 3373 label and the words "Biological Substance, Category B" adjacent to the label on the front of the shipper. 13. Place a Class 9/UN 1845, Dry Ice hazard label, on the front of the shipper 14. Note the weight of dry ice (in kg) on the preprinted area of the hazard label, or place that information adjacent to the Class 9/UN 1845 hazard label. 15. If you use orientation arrows, be sure to orient the inner packaging so that closures are aligned with the arrows. 16. Ship to the address noted to the left.