



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5-22-18

TO: NPL Clients

FROM: Rhonda Burgard MT (ASCP) BB, MPA, Client Services Supervisor

Re: New Urine Preservative Tube



Effective 5-22-18, NPL will be providing BD Vacutainer Urinalysis Preservative Plus Urine Tubes to our out-of-town clients (supply #: 801671) that submit urine samples to NPL for dipstick and/or microscopic testing. This supply item will replace Stabilar tablets that were previously ordered (supply # 800893) for urine preservation.

BD Vacutainer® Urinalysis Preservative Plus Urine Tubes are designed for automated and manual chemistry dipstick urinalysis and to also obtain sediment for microscopic examination. The preservative allows for transport, testing and storage of the specimen up to 72 hours at room temperature or refrigerator temperature. The urinalysis preservative is intended to inhibit the metabolism of or render non-viable the bacteria normally present in urine while maintaining cellular integrity.

BD Vacutainer® Urinalysis Preservative Plus Urine Tubes are 8.0 mL draw volume, 16 x 100 mm, with a urinalysis preservative and BD Hemogard™ Closure with yellow shield color. A minimum fill line of 7.0 mL and a maximum fill line of 9.0 mL is indicated on the label. The tubes have sterile interiors.

Preservative

The mean concentration of the preservative in the urine sample in BD Vacutainer® Urinalysis Preservative Plus Urine Tube is:
Sodium Propionate 94%
Ethyl Paraben 5.6%
Chlorhexidine 0.4%

Note: These tubes are not suitable for culture. For urine culture, use BD C&S Preservative Urine Tubes (Boric Acid tubes).

You may email your questions or concerns to rburgard@primecare.org or contact me at 701-530-5704 or 1-800-645-1003.