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Sample Collection for : **URINE for AAFB (TB)**

This pack consists of: a) Three large volume (250ml) sterile containers

SAMPLING

Mid-stream urine (MSU) samples are NOT suitable for culture for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB).

As the excretion of acid alcohol fast bacilli (AAFB) in the urine may be intermittent a larger sample is required. The complete early morning urine (EMU) should be collected on **three consecutive** days. Each sample should be sent to microbiology on the day of collection with a request form. If this is not convenient, samples should be refrigerated before sending.

The culture for AAFB can take up to 42 days.
