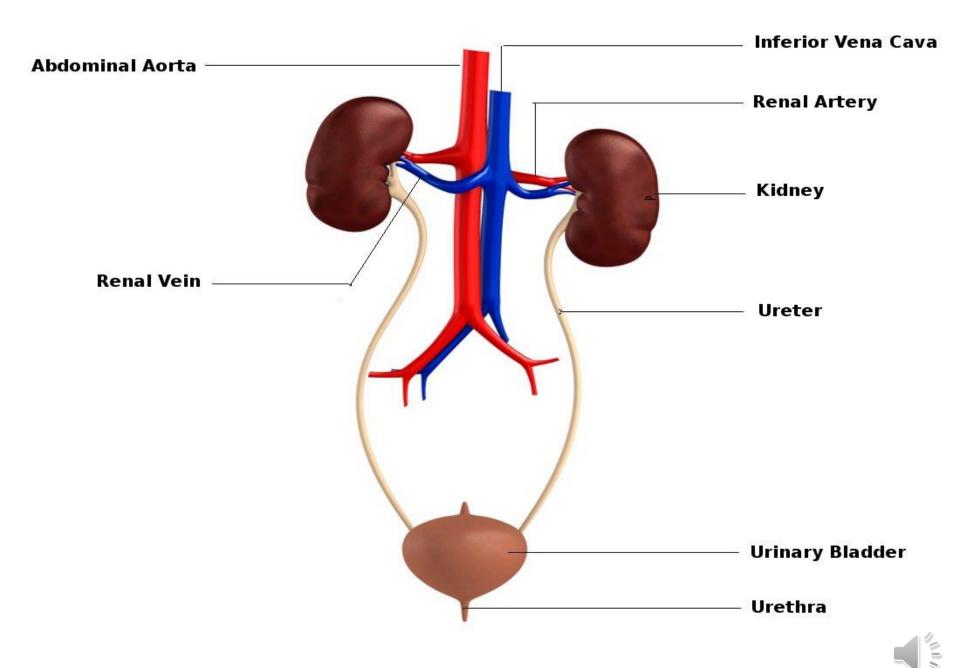
General Urine Examination

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Waste products:

- Organic:
- Uric acid
- Creatinine
- Urea
- Inorganic:
- Sulphates
- Phosphates
- Chloride
- Ammonia



- Normal daily urinary output is 800-2000 ml
- An increase in amount of urinary output is referred as polyuria as seen in diabetes
- Decreases in amounts of urine are called oliguria as in fever
- A complete absence of urine or when a person passes out not more than 100 milliliter per day is referred to as anuria as in kidney failure.



• For most qualitative tests, fresh specimen is required (a first voided morning specimen)

• If the urine is not analyzed within few hours, then correct storage and addition of preservatives are necessary.



Collection of urine specimen

- Urine specimens must be collected in aseptically clean containers.
- Specimens of female are likely to be contaminated with albumin and blood from menstrual discharge or

albumin and pus from vaginal discharge



Types of urine specimens:

- Random urine specimen: the least valid specimen
- First morning urine specimen: the best sample for routine urinalysis
- 24-hour urine specimen: it measures the exact output of urine over a 24-hour period

• Daytime urine output is two to four times greater than nighttime output.

• High protein diet tends to increase urinary output.



Preservation of urine specimen

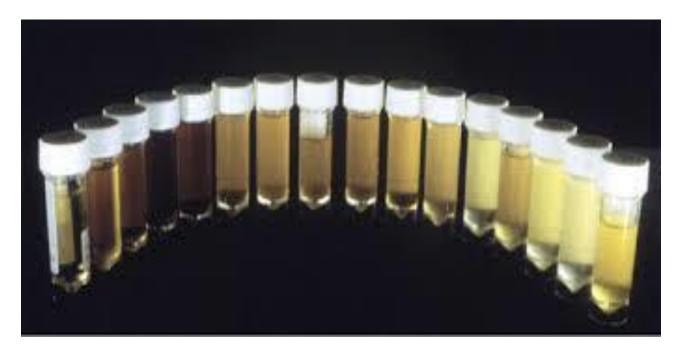
- Refrigeration
- Addition of preservatives:
- Hydrochloric acid
- Boric acid
- Glacial acetic acid
- Formaldehyde



Physical examination:

• Color:

Straw, pale yellow, light yellow, yellow, dark yellow and amber.





• Transparency:

Clear, hazy, cloudy, turbid and milky.



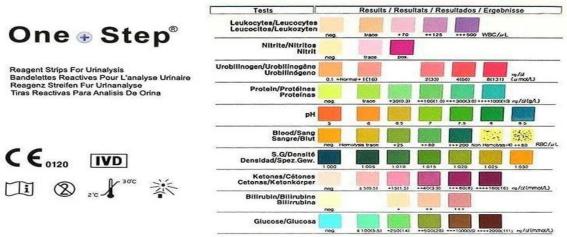


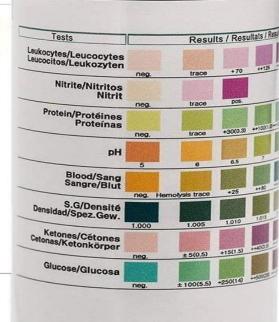
- Odor:
- Normal urine has inoffensive odor
- Volume:
- It is affected by fluid intake, sodium and urea excreted, perspiration, respiration, bowel activity (diarrhea), cardiovascular and renal function.



Chemical properties:







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- pH:
- Normal urine pH is 4.6-8.0
- It is affected by acidosis and alkalosis or ingestion of acidic or basic food.
- Protein:
- Normal urine contain no proteins (albumin)
- If present it is called proteinuria
- Glucose:
- Normal urine contain no glucose
- If present it is called glucosuria (diabetes)



- Reduction in the renal threshold
- Hormonal disorders
- Liver diseases
- Pregnancy
- Specific gravity:
- It is an assessment of renal tubular function
- Normal urine specific gravity is 1.003-1.035



• Ketones:

- Normal urine contain no ketones.
- If present it is called ketonuria
- Urobilinogen:
- Normal urine contain low concentration of it.
- Bilirubin:
- It is not present in normal urine.



