

Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault BLOOD AND URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTES

- A. This kit is only to be used in conjunction with a NYS Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit.
- B. Collect both blood and urine specimens in all cases.
- C. Urine samples should be collected from the victim as soon as possible, but not before the use of the NYS Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit. Please note: **the first urine after the drugging is critical.** Every time the victim urinates the chance of detecting a drug, if present, diminishes. Therefore, every effort should be made to obtain the first urine specimen. If a urine sample is taken at the start of the exam for a pregnancy test, the leftover urine should NOT be thrown out.
- D. This kit may be used up to **96 hours after** the ingestion of the suspected drug.

STEP 1 Remove all components from kit box.

STEP 2 Have the victim read and sign the *Authorization for Release of Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Screening* form.

STEP 3 Fill out all information requested on the *Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Laboratory Information* form.

Blood Specimen Collection

Blood specimen collection must be performed only by a physician, registered nurse or trained phlebotomist. Note: If blood tubes have expired, use two gray top tubes from the hospital supply.

STEP 4 Cleanse the blood collection site with the alcohol-free prep pad provided. Following normal hospital/clinic procedure and using the gray top blood tubes provided, withdraw blood specimens from subject, allowing both tubes to fill to maximum volume.

Note: Immediately after blood collection, assure proper mixing of anticoagulant powder by slowly and completely inverting the blood tube several times. Do not shake vigorously!

STEP 5 Write the patient's name directly on the white label on the blood tube. Fill in the date on two of the three Evidence Seals provided. Then remove backing from the two Evidence Seals. Affix center of seals to the blood tube rubber stoppers, and press ends of seals down sides of the blood tubes, then return both filled and sealed blood tubes to specimen holder.

Urine Specimen Collection

STEP 6 Have subject void directly into the urine specimen bottle provided. Do not use clean catch method. Collect 100 ml. of urine, or as much urine as possible.

STEP 7 After specimen is collected, replace cap and tighten down to prevent leakage.

STEP 8 Fill out information requested on the remaining Evidence Seal. Affix center of seal to the bottle cap and press ends of seal down sides of bottle, then return urine bottle to specimen holder.

STEP 9 Place specimen holder inside the zip lock bag, then squeeze out excess air and close bag. Place specimen holder in kit box.

Note: Do not remove liquid absorbing sheet from specimen bag.

STEP 10 Separate pages of *Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Laboratory Information Form*. Place original

in DFSA kit box and give a copy to investigating officer, a copy to medical records and a copy to the patient.

STEP 11 Close kit box lid and affix Security Seal where indicated.

STEP 12 Fill out all information requested on kit box top under "For Hospital Personnel".

STEP 13 Give sealed kit to the investigating officer. If officer is not present, place sealed kit in a secure and refrigerated area, in accordance with established protocol. Just as it is the responsibility of each facility to properly collect evidence in sexual assault cases, it is also their responsibility to ensure that evidence is properly maintained and secured in a refrigerated area for 30 days, and that the chain of custody is documented.