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CYTOPREPARATION OF URINARY TRACT SPECIMENS

1. Specimens may include voided or catheterized urine, bladder irrigations or washings, ureteral washings, or urine from the renal pelvis.
 2. For voided urine specimens, midstream collection of second morning void in a hydrated patient is preferred.
 3. Obtain irrigation/washing specimens by lavage with physiologic saline during cystoscopic procedures.
 4. Obtain specimen in a secure screw-top container; polystyrene cups with paper lids are not acceptable for transit to the laboratory.
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- Submit up to 120 ml of fluid; more if irrigated.
 - Label container with patient's name and source.
 - Submit promptly to laboratory.
 - If a delay occurs, refrigerate.
 - Do not add fixative or preservative.
 - Submit with properly filled out requisition, noting source.
 - Enclose container in a plastic biohazard specimen bag, with requisition placed in outside sleeve.