

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: MISC-018 STORAGE AND DISPOSABLE OF SPECIMENS

POLICY: Storage and Disposable of Specimens

PURPOSE:

DEPARTMENTS: PATHOLOGY

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

A. CHEMISTRY SECTION

1. At the end of each shift, chemistry specimens are stored in refrigerator #12 (Room 1A131)
2. At the start of each day, chemistry specimens are moved to refrigerator #2 in processing area (Room 1A126).
3. Specimens are discarded into a large sharps container after 7 days of storage.

B. TOXICOLOGY SECTION

1. At the end of each shift, toxicology specimens are stored in refrigerator #12 (Room 1A131)
2. At the start of each day, toxicology specimens are moved to refrigerator #2 in processing area (Room 1A126).
3. Specimens are discarded into a large sharps container after 7 days of storage.

C. URINALYSIS SECTION

1. At the end of each shift, urine samples are stored in refrigerator #16 (Room 1A109).
2. After 24 hours of storage, urine specimens collected in a cup are poured into the sink at the urinalysis area.
3. After 72 hours of storage, the urine specimens in a BD Vacutainer UA Preservative tube (yellow/red top) discarded into a large trash container (biohazard) in the urinalysis area.
4. Empty capped urine containers are discarded into a large trash container (biohazard) in the urinalysis area.

D. HEMATOLOGY SECTION

1. Hematology specimens are stored at room temperature for 24 hours.
2. After 24 hours at room temperature, the specimens are stored in the refrigerator #16 (Room 1A109) for two days before discarding them into a large sharps container.

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E. COAGULATION SECTION

1. Coagulation specimens are stored at room temperature for 24 hours.
2. After 24 hours at room temperature, the specimens are stored in the refrigerator #16 (Room 1A109) for two days before discarding them into a large sharps container.

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