

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOXICOLOGY EVIDENCE COLLECTION

(when use of Drug Facilitated Crime drugs are suspected)

Time since offense

- Less than 24 hours:
Collect urine and blood samples from victim.
- Greater than 24 hours and less than 3 days:
Collect only a urine sample from the victim.
- Greater than 3 days:
No sample should be collected.

Testing will be routinely performed on blood samples drawn within 12 hours of the incident and/or urine samples taken within 24 hours of the incident. Samples taken outside of these time windows will not be routinely tested, but will be available for testing if deemed necessary.

Packaging requirements

- Urine: Collect 1 to 50 ml of victim's urine in a plastic container. This is in addition to the blood samples taken for the Sexual Assault Kit.
- Blood: Collect 10 ml of victim's blood in a gray top Vacutainer tube. If a gray top tube of blood is collected for Toxicology in the Sexual Assault Kit, no additional tube of blood is needed to test for "date rape" drugs.

For each specimen: Seal with tape. Initial and date the seal. On the evidence, identify the specimen, victim's name, date and time of collection, and your initials.

For each additional specimen: Place in a leak-proof container (i.e. zip lock bag) and seal and initial the container. Write the date on the seal as well. Then place the specimen into the Sexual Assault Kit Box or Toxicology Evidence Outer Envelope.