

Urine Drug Screen in Prenatal Patients

Guidelines for ordering

1. Select women may be screened for illicit drug use during the antenatal/intrapartum/post-partum period. The goal of this screening is to ensure quality healthcare for the patient and increase positive outcomes.
2. The following persons may be screened per protocol:
 - A. All women who have fetal death 20 weeks or greater in which the following occurs:
 1. Suspected or confirmed placental abruption as determined by the provider and/or
 2. Past or current history of drug abuse.
 - B. Any patient presenting with signs/symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol and illicit drugs, as determined by the provider.

NOTE: The above listed patients are not required to give consent for this screen since it is a laboratory procedure done for medical, not research purposes.

1. MD/CNM staff are responsible for initial order, patient counseling, and referrals following a positive screen.
2. Nursing staff are to obtain 100cc of urine by clean catch method as soon as possible during labor or following delivery (within 3 days of IUFD). Urine remains positive for cocaine for 3-5 days.
3. Label specimen with patient identification and order in computer lab program.
4. Send to ANMC laboratory.

Reference: Newborn Drug Screening Memo, 1995

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