

HOTLINE: Effective August 1, 2022

3004262 Ammonium, 24-Hour Urine

Specimen Required: <u>Collect:</u> 24-hour urine. Refrigerate during collection or add 5 mL of diazolidinyl urea (Germall) as preservative at start of collection. <u>Specimen Preparation</u>: From a well-mixed 24-hour collection, transfer 4 mL urine to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 1 mL). Collection duration and urine volume must be provided for testing. Test is not performed at ARUP; separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated. Also acceptable: Frozen.

<u>Remarks:</u> Specimens with pH > 8 may indicate bacterial contamination and testing will be cancelled. Do not attempt to adjust pH as it will adversely affect results. Collection duration and urine volume must be provided for testing. Total collection volume must be greater than 500 mL.

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: 2 weeks; Frozen: 2 weeks