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**Urinalysis**

Important clinical information may be obtained from laboratory analysis of urine specimens. Much progress has been made since ancient times, when urine was poured on the ground and the attraction of insects to it indicated an abnormal specimen. Physical and chemical analysis of urine and microscopic examination of sediment, often performed today with sophisticated instrumentation, are as useful in physicians' office laboratories as they are in large clinical laboratories.

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**Urinalysis is performed for a variety of reasons, including:**

- 1- to aid in the diagnosis of disease
- 2- to screen a population for symptomatic, congenital, or hereditary diseases (i.e., to monitor wellness)
- 3- to monitor the progress of disease
- 4- to monitor the effectiveness or complications of therapy
- 5- to screen asymptomatic industrial workers for acquired diseases

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**Urinalysis**

**Types of urinalysis**

- 1- The dipstick ( reagent strip )
- 2- The basic ( Routine )
- 3- The specialized cytopathologic

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**Urine formation**

25% of C.O. approximately 1200 ml of blood perfuses the kidneys each minute. Ultimately the original filtrate volume of about 180 L in 24hours is reduced to 1-2 L depending on the status of hydration .

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**Kidneys functions**

- 1- Elimination of waste products
- 2- Regulation of homeostasis and Acid-base status
- 3- Hormonal regulation

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**Components of Routine urinalysis**

- 1- specimen evaluation
- 2- gross/ physical examination
- 3- chemical screening
- 4- sediment examination

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**Specimen evaluation**

Proper labeling  
 proper specimen For the requested examination  
 proper preservative  
 visible sign of contamination  
 transportation delay

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**Odor**

It have a faint , aromatic odor

Bacterial overgrowth	ammonia cal
Isovaleric acidemia	sweaty feet
Maple syrup urine disease	maple syrup
Methionine malabsorbtion	cabbage
Phenylketonuria	mousy
Thyrosinemia	rancid

Lack of odor in acute renal failure suggest ATN

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**Dark brown or black urine**

Acid urine containing Hb will darken on standing due to the formation of met hemoglobin.  
 Cola-colored urine may be seen with Rhabdomyolysis, L-dopa taking.  
 Homogentisic acid ( alkaptonuria )  
 More rapidly darken when alkaline.

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**Urine volume**

The average adult produces from 600 - 2000 ml of urine per day .  
 Night urine not in excess of 400 ml .  
 Increased volume : production of > 2000 ml in 24h → polyuria  
 >500 ml at night → nocturia  
 polydipsia, consumption of alcohol, caffeine, thiazides, DI up to 15L /Day, osmotic diuresis DM

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**Volume**

Decreases volume :  
 < 500 ml / day → oliguria  
 Near complete suppression → anuria  
 Oliguria → renal failure  
 azotemia  
 pre renal, renal, post renal

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**Specific gravity**

Specific gravity reflect the relative degree of concentration or dilution of urine.  
 Osmolality indicates the number of particles of solute per unit of solution .  
 Larger particles ( sugar, protein )  
 Sp.gravity more than electrolytes .  
 Normal sp.gravity 1.016 - 1.022  
 Hyposthenuric < 1.007 in DI 1:001  
 Isosthenuric about 1.010 sever renal damage

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**Specific gravity ....**

Methods :

- 1- reagent strip
- 2- refractometer
- 3- urinometer
- 4- falting drop

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**Specific gravity ....**

Reagent strip :

The reagent area has three main ingredients.  
 Polyelectrolyte, indicator substance and buffer.  
 The principle is based on the  $pK_a$   
 Change of the pretreated polyelectrolyte in relation to ionic concentration of urine. when the ionic concentration is high the  $pK_a$  is decreased as is the pH. The indicator substance then changes color .

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**Specific gravity ....**

Refractometer :

Indirect ,  
 measures refractive index of a solution .  
 Urinometer :

This is a hydrometer adapted to directly measure the sp gr at RT .  
 Temperature influences, 3° above or below calibrate 0.001  
 Protein 0.003 for every 1.0 g/dl subtract  
 Sugar 0.004 for every 1.0 g/dl subtrac

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**Specific gravity ....**

Falling drop method:

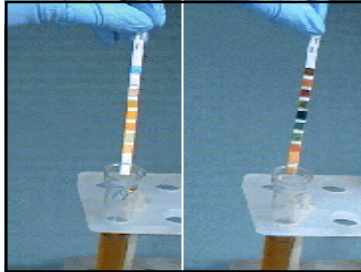
Direct method more accurate than refractometer and more precise than the urinometer.  
 This methods utilizes a specially designed column filled with water-immiscible oil.  
 A measured drop of urine is introduced into the column and as this drop falls it encounters two beam of light, breaking the first beam starts a timer, while breaking the second turns it off. The falling time is measured electronically and expressed as a sp.gr.

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**Recommendation for reagent strips**

**Storage**  
 Protect from moisture and excessive heat  
 Store in cool , dry area but not in a refrigerator  
 Check for discoloration with each use , discoloration may indicate loss of reactivity .  
 Do not use discolored strip or tablets .  
 Keep container tightly stoppered.  
 Check manufacturers directions with each new lot number for changes in procedure .



**Recommendation for reagent strips**

**Testing**  
 Test urine as soon as possible after receipt.  
 Remove only enough strips for immediate use , recap tightly .  
 Test a well-mixed urinalysis sample.  
 Urine samples must be at room temperature before testing .  
 Do not touch the test area with fingers.  
 Do not use reagent strips in the presence of volatile acids or alkaline fumes.  
 Dip reagent strip into urine briefly - no longer than one second.  
 Drain excess urine off - run edge of strip along rim of tube or blot edge on absorbent paper.  
 Do not allow reagents to run together.  
 Do not lay reagents strip directly on workbench surface.  
 Follow exact timing recommendation for each chemical test.  
 Hold reagent strip close to the color chart and read under good lighting.  
 Know sources of error , sensitivity , and specificity of each test on the reagent strip.  
 Think make correlations between patient history and individual test, then follow through.

**Confirmatory Tests**  
 Confirmatory chemical urinalysis tests detect the same substance with the same or greater sensitivity and/or specificity, or they use a different reaction or methodology to detect that substance. Repeating a reagent strip reaction or analysis is not a confirmatory test.  
 Commonly used confirmatory chemical urinalysis tests include the sulfosalicylic acid (SSA) test for albuminuria and the tablet test for bilirubin.

**Chemical screening urine PH**

The kidneys and lungs work in concert to maintain acid-base equilibrium .  
 The lungs excrete  $\text{CO}_2$  whereas the renal reclaiming and generating  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and secreting  $\text{NH}_4^+$  .  
 The PCT responsible for the bulk of the  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorption and DCT the remaining function.  
 The tubular cells exchange  $\text{H}^+$  for  $\text{Na}^+$  of the filtrate .non volatile acids ( sulfuric , phosphoric , pyruvic , lactic , citric acids ) excreted by glumerulus as salts (  $\text{Na}^+$  ,  $\text{Ca}$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  )

**urine PH....**

**Normal Ph**  
 The average adult on a normal diet excrete about 50 - 100 mEq of  $\text{H}^+$  in 24 hours to produce urine ph 6 ,may vary 4.6 - 8.0

**urine PH....**

**Methods :**  
 Reagent strip , ph Electrode , titrable acidity  
 Methyl red , bromothymol blue give a range of orange green and blue color as the ph rises within 5-9 measure on freshly voided , on standing , the ph tends to rise because of loss of  $\text{CO}_2$  and bacterial growth produces ammonia from urea.

**Protein in urine**

Normally up to 150mg excreted in the urine daily.  
 Demonstrated more than 200 urinary protein derived both from plasma and urinary tract . Plasma pr with mw < 50000 pass through the glomerular basement membrane and normally reabsorbed by PCT . Tamm - Horsfall glycoprotein (uromucoid ) secreted by DCT cells and ascending loop of Henle constitutes 1/3 of total normal pr loss.

**Protein in urine....**

Detection of an abnormal amount of protein in urine is an important indicator of renal disease because protein has a very low maximal tubular rate of reabsorption , increased filtration of protein quickly saturates the reabsorptive mechanism. Screening methods are routinely used to differentiate normal protein excretion from abnormal and therefore should not detect < 8-10 mg/dl in a normal adult with a normal rate of urine flow.

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**Protein in urine....**

The strip is sensitive to **albumin** , the **acid precipitation** detect all proteins and indicate the presence of globulins as well as albumin.

Because a positive result for pr is significant it should be confirmed by a second method and on repeated specimen

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**Protein in urine....**

**Postural proteinuria (orthostatic )**  
Occurs in 3% to 5% of young adults. In this condition proteinuria is found during the day but not at night when a recumbent position.

The total daily excretion rarely exceeds 1.0g. The patient is instructed to empty bladder upon going to bed in the evening . Immediately upon rising in the morning the patient voids and saves the specimen. After two hours of standing and walking about the patient voids and saves again if the first is negative and the second positive the patient may have postural proteinuria.

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**Proteinuria quantification**

Diagnosis of kidney disease obtained by analyzing excretion over 24hr period.

Heavy proteinuria ( > 4.0 g/day )

Seen in nephrotic syndrome . Classically , a low serum albumin level , generalized edema , and increased serum lipids . Many granular cast , fatty cast seen in sediment . DM , SLE cause glomerular injury and heavy proteinuria . Urine sediment may be telescoped , display all kinds of cells and casts in SLE nephritis .

Malaria , malignant hypertension , toxemia of pregnancy , neoplasia , sickle cell , renal transplant rejection may additional causes of heavy proteinuria.

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Moderate proteinuria ( 1.0 - 4.0 g/day )

Inflammatory condition of lower urinary tract such as calculi

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**Minimal proteinuria ( < 1.0 g/day )**

Chronic pyelonephritis . ↓  
nephrosclerosis . ↓  
polycystic disease . ↓

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**Qualitative categories of proteinuria**

The detection of the type of protein by electrophoretic separation.

Proteinuria may be separated into a **glomerular** and **tubular** pattern.

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**Protein in urine....**  
**Glomerular pattern**

Glomerular disease causes proteinuria which may be heavy > 3.0 to 4.0 g/day  
A loss or reduction of the fixed negative charge on the glomerular basement membrane allows albumin to permeate into bowman's space in large quantities , more than can be reabsorbed by PCT.

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**Protein in urine....**  
**Tubular pattern**

Occurs in fanconi's syndrome , cystinosis , Wilson's disease and pyelonephritis , and renal transplant rejection , amount of proteinuria is about 1-2 g/day .

These proteins are usually low MW ( alfa<sub>2</sub>microglobulin , beta<sub>2</sub>-globulin such as beta<sub>2</sub>microglobulin , light chain Ig and lysozyme ). Tubular proteinuria may be missed by strip because of the absence or very low albumin but +ve by SSA.

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**Protein in urine.....**

**Overflow proteinuria**

Is due to overflow of excess levels of a protein in the circulation and can be seen with Hb , Mb , and Ig loss into the urine .

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**Protein in urine.....**

**Bence Jones proteinuria**

Associated with multiple myeloma ,macroglobulinemia and malignant lymphoma

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**Protein in urine.....**

**Microalbuminuria**

The presence of albumin in urine above normal level but below the detectable range of conventional urine dipstick methods .

20-200 mg/day

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**Protein in urine.....**

**Methods :**

Reagent strip : the strip is impregnated with tetrabromophenol blue buffered to an acid pH of 3 or tetrabromosulfophetalein . In the absence of pr the strip is yellow 30-60 seconds following urine application , variable shades of green develop .

Result as neg , trace , 1+ to 4+

Most methods detect 5.0 to 20 mg of alb/dl

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