



## Collection for “Chain of Command” Urine Drug Screen

### **Testing Location**

SJMH Elm Street Laboratory  
20 Elm St, Ground Floor  
Hornell NY, 14843

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7:30 – 10:30 am  
To schedule an appointment: 607-324-8070

### **What is a Chain of Command Drug Screen?**

Often used for routine drug testing for employment or legal purposes, a "Chain of Command or Custody" test refers to the paper trail showing the testing and analysis of a urine specimen. This process helps accurately track and document the test from the moment a donor gives the specimen to the collector, to its final destination and the review and reporting of results. Any and all drug testing should incorporate a Chain of Custody process to insure the integrity of the test.

### **How is a Chain of Command Drug Screen done?**

A multipart Chain of Custody form and other supplies are used to complete the Chain of Custody process. These supplies include packaging type, seals and other materials that verify the integrity and accountability of a test. Information is added to the Chain of Custody form as the test specimen travels from person to person.

The person being tested is asked to empty their pockets before entering the restroom, to prevent tampering with the urine sample. Water is not available for hand washing and a blue dye is placed in the toilet. These steps help prevent diluting the specimen or substituting water for urine.

### **How do I prepare for my test?**

All drug screens aside from post-accidents must be scheduled with our certified collector. The only preparation for a urine drug screen is to come with a full bladder.

### **Should I take my medications on the day of the test?**

Yes, you would always take your medications. If you are prescribed a prescription drug, you will provide a phone number on the COC form. If there are any concerns with the results of your urine test, you will be contacted.

**How long does the test take?**

In most cases the entire collection process should take less than 30 minutes.

**How do I get my test results?**

If the test is for a pre-employment with St. James Mercy Hospital, the report will be sent to our laboratory. Otherwise your results will go to the designated MRO (Medical Review Officer) assigned to the employer that ordered the test. You will be contacted by the employer.