

**LAKE OF THE WOODS  
DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

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**TITLE:** Urine Sampling

**SANCTIONED BY:** Medical Advisory Committee

**CRITERIA:** Initiation of use of Clinitek Status, Point of Care Testing (Urine), of patients prior to being assessed by ER Physician when patients meet the appropriate criteria (outline below). Specimens will be sent to the lab as directed in the **Use of Clinitek Status, Point of Care Testing (Urine)**, in Lake of the Woods District Hospital *Nursing Procedure Manual*.

**INITIATED BY:** Appropriately educated Nurses working in the ER Department.

**PHYSICIAN NOTIFICATION:** As Soon As Possible

**CONTRAINDICATIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DIRECTIVE:**

- Lack of patient/family consent.
- Patients obviously pregnant in the third trimester may have the beta-HCG waived.

**PATIENT DESCRIPTION / POPULATION:**

Patients with specific complaints of flank pain, low abdominal pain, back pain, pelvic pain or discomfort, genitor-urinary symptoms, vaginal bleeding, suspected renal colic, abdominal trauma or back injuries. Female patients of child bearing age without a previous history of a hysterectomy; with either the above complaints or anticipated to require Radiography will have a urine beta-HCG sent to the lab.

**PROCEDURE FOR DIRECTIVE:**

The patient must fall under one of the patient populations described above. Follow the **Use of Clinitek Status, Point of Care Testing (Urine)**, in Lake of the Woods District Hospital *Nursing Procedure Manual*.

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Implementation of this Medical Directive must be documented on the ER chart under physician orders.
- Printed results will be attached to the patient record as outlined in the Use of Clinitek Status, Point of Care Testing (Urine) procedure.

**REFERENCES:**

Chatham-Kent *Health Alliance* MEDICAL DIRECTIVES AND ADVANCED TRIAGE PROTOCOLS , June 2004, Chatham-Kent, Ontario

Lakeridge Health *Lakeridge Health Corporation* EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIRECTIVES , 2005, Oshawa, Ontario

**DATE OF APPROVAL OF DIRECTIVE:**

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