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When?

During pregnancy your urine will be collected for screening.

- first prenatal visit
- other prenatal visits depending on your clinic
- if you have symptoms of an urinary tract infection
 - o burning with urination
 - o urinating more often
 - o unable to hold your urine



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For More information:

Ask your Doctor

Mayo Clinic

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/urinalysis/MY00488>

American Pregnancy Organization

<http://www.americanpregnancy.org/prenataltesting/urinetest.html>

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Urinalysis in Pregnancy



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What is urinalysis?

Urinalysis is a test to evaluate urine. It includes the appearance, color and odor of urine. The sample may be looked at under a microscope to detect blood cells or bacteria.



Why is it important in pregnancy?

Urine tests can detect bladder or kidney infections, dehydration, diabetes and preeclampsia.

Bacteria, sugar, ketones or proteins may be detected with urinalysis.

What is a urine culture?

Urine is provided with the appropriate temperature and nutrients that allow bacteria to grow.



If your urine contains bacteria it may be a sign of a kidney or bladder infection.

Urine culture can identify the bacteria and help your physician chose an antibiotic to treat the infection.

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