Objective: To obtain accurate urine samples in pediatric patients.

Indication:
1. Urine obtained for the pediatric patient presenting with fever, renal disease, or abdominal pain.
2. Urinalysis may be falsely negative for approximately 20% of pediatric patients who subsequently have a positive urine culture for infection.
3. Catheterization is relatively contraindicated for immunocompromised patients, discuss with subspecialty service prior to procedure.

Evaluation/Intervention:
1. Sterile catheter urine samples from children <4 years of age, unless toilet-trained and able to voluntarily provide a clean catch specimen.
2. All pediatric patient urine samples for Urinalysis should also have an ordered Urine Culture.

Documentation:
1. Document method used for urine sample collection.
2. Order Urinalysis with a Urine Culture for pediatric patients.
3. No ‘bag’ urine specimen collection for pediatric patients.