

# Testing & Laboratory Procedures Key Terms

## \* Information required when labeling specimens

- patient's name
- date & time of collection
- patient's DOB
- provider's name
- initials of person collecting specimen

## \* Safety measures when transporting nonblood specimens

padding & protection from leakage (i.e., wrapping container in absorbent material & placing it in a biohazard bag). When transported via mail, use biohazard identification on the outside of the package

## \* How to use a near vision acuity chart

ask patients to read printed materials 14 to 16 inches away from eyes without corrective lenses, testing each eye separately & then together. the result is the level at which the patient reads smallest print clearly

## \* How to use a distance vision acuity chart

ask patient to read chart from 20 ft away, testing eyes separately & together. the result is the line at which patient can clearly see the letters/pictures

## \* Normal adult hearing

should hear up to 25 decibels

## \* Normal child hearing

should hear up to 15 decibels

## \* Random urine collection

patient urinates in a clean, nonsterile container

## \* First morning specimen urine collection

patient collects first specimen of the morning in a clean container

## \* Clean-catch midstream urine collection

patient cleans perineal area with moist wipes, begins to urinate, & then collects specimen midstream in a sterile container

## \* 24 hour urine collection

patient discards first morning specimen & collects all specimens for the next 24 hr, including the first void of the second day, using a container with preservatives

## \* Catheterized urine collection

nurse or provider inserts a sterile tube through the urethra into the bladder

### \* How to perform a tape test

provide parents with slide with a piece of tape. tape is placed over child's anus before putting up in the morning, then put back on slide

### \* Sputum specimen collection

performed in the early morning, before eating or drinking; patient procedures a deep productive cough