Medical Biology

Laboratory

Pre-Analysis Procedures Manual

Instructions for the patient

DIET REQUIRED FOR 24-HOUR VMA URINE TEST

1.0 General instructions

- 1.1 For analysis of vanillylmandelic acid (VMA), a specific diet must be followed in order to ensure reliable results. Failure to respect the diet will compromise the validity of your results.
- **1.2** You must not consume the foods listed in the restrictive diet below for the two days preceding and during the sample collection.

2.0 Restrictive diet

- 2.1 Foods that must not be consumed:
 - · Chocolate, cocoa
 - · Coffee, tea
 - Cola (Pepsi, Coke)
 - Bananas
 - Citrus and citrus juice
 - Tomatoes
 - Foods containing vanilla

3.0 Follow the 24-hour urine collection procedure that we gave you.

Important:

- **3.1** For the VMA dose, the container we provide you with contains a small quantity of preservative liquid that is potentially hazardous. Do not touch this liquid, avoid splashing and keep out of the reach of children.
- **3.2** Never urinate directly into the container. Use a clean container and then gently pour all the urine into the collection container.
- **3.3** In the event that you come into contact with the preservative, rinse well with large amounts of tap water and, if necessary, contact a doctor.
- **3.4** Keep the urine container in the refrigerator during the collection period.

4.0 For more information:

Contact the laboratory reception at: 450-759-8222, ext. 2606

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