

# Clinical Laboratory Testing Update

Notification Date: August 20, 2023

Effective Date: Immediately

## Product Change at Des Moines Hospitals and Pathology Laboratory Clients: Sterile Containers



### Explanation:

Effective beginning August 20, 2023; Sterile containers used for urine and various other non-blood collections that require a sterile container will be changing as previous stock levels are depleted.

After repeated occurrences of leakage in transit of the current product, an evaluation was conducted to select a product intended to decrease leakage in transit and the Thermo Scientific Samco Wide-Mouth Bio-Tite Specimen Container was selected.

The Thermo Scientific Samco Wide-Mouth Bio-Tite Specimen Container features:

- Ideally suited for urine collection from women during pregnancy and for older or overweight patients
- Bio-Tite caps create leak-resistant seal for superior safety and handling
- Dual-threaded caps create improved sealing
- Sterilized by gamma irradiation, which eliminates potential contamination
- Top and bottom positive grip knurls are easy to grip and open using latex gloves
- Stackable containers are easy to store, saving lab space
- Virgin polypropylene containers allow higher clarity to see samples, and will not become brittle
- Sterile indicator tab assures tamper evidence
- Bilingual English and Spanish label facilitates accurate usage

	CURRENT	NEW
Product Name	Medline Pneumatic Tube Safe System Specimen Containers (4 oz)	Thermo Scientific™ Samco™ Wide-Mouth Bio-Tite™ 120mL (4 oz.)
Collection Container		

### Collection Reminder:

**Leaking containers delay or compromise patient testing due to contamination.**

**Samples that leak in the pneumatic tube station result in a shutdown of system for cleaning. This shut down impacts all departments ability to send lab samples and receive supplies needed to provide timely patient care.**

No product is 100% able to prevent leakage if the lid is not properly aligned on the cup and tightly secured. Check the lid to ensure it is secure and tight before submitting the sample to the laboratory for testing.

Questions: Please contact the Clinical Laboratory