

# ALLINA HEALTH LABORATORY

## Memo

**To:** Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients

**From:** Allina Health Laboratory outreach services

**Date:** September 22, 2022

**Re:** Supply shortage of 6N HCL 24-hour urine containers

Due to a severe shortage of the 6N HCL 24-hour urine collection jugs, all sites will need to limit the use of this supply by using alternate collection containers when indicated. Alternate collection alerts are in the [Allina Health Laboratory Test Catalog](#).

When reviewing orders for 24-hour urine collection, and the preferred collection indicates 6N HCL, please provide the alternate acceptable preservative.

Exception: The following assays indicate no other alternative to 6N HCL. Guidance for alternate testing is provided below. Orders received at an Allina facility for these affected assays will be cancelled and faxed communication follow up will be sent to the provider.

Test	Alternative test and container
Catecholamines, Fractionated, Urinary Free, 24-Hour Urine 13490/LAB13490	Metanephrines 13491/LAB13491 24-hr urine collection container- no additive
Magnesium, 24-hour Urine 994/LAB994	Urine magnesium, random urine 14221/LAB14221 Screw cap plastic container (sterile) or Kidney stone urine/saturation, 24-hour urine 13502/LAB13502 24-hr urine collection container- LabCorp collection kit
Oxalate, Quantitative, 24-Hour Urine 13487/LAB13487	Urine oxalate:creatinine ratio, random urine 994/LAB994 Screw cap plastic container (sterile) or Kidney stone urine/saturation, 24-hour urine 13502/LAB13502 24-hr urine collection container- LabCorp collection kit

Urine catecholamines should be reserved for auxiliary testing when plasma and urine metanephrine results do not exclude pheochromocytoma. If this is the indication, please contact Client Services at (612) 863-4678.