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### *Have other facilities discontinued the collection and testing of post-reaction urine samples?*

A **colleague reports that a 'sister' hospital in their network** has decided to discontinue collecting and testing post-reaction urine samples as part of the transfusion reaction investigation. The inquiring colleague would like to know if other facilities have discontinued collecting and testing post-reaction urine samples, and **if so, why? If not, why not?**

The following comments have been received.

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1. **A colleague who works in a pediatric hospital** reports that their laboratory **does not require a urine sample** to be submitted to the laboratory for the **first tier** of a transfusion reaction workup. However, **if the initial work up reveals a positive finding** such as post transfusion hemolysis, a positive direct antiglobulin test or an ABO testing error, the lab staff will **ask the patient care staff to submit a urine sample**. They take this approach because not all the kids can urinate on command, and they **do not want to catheterize a child to collect a urine sample unless it is absolutely necessary**.

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