

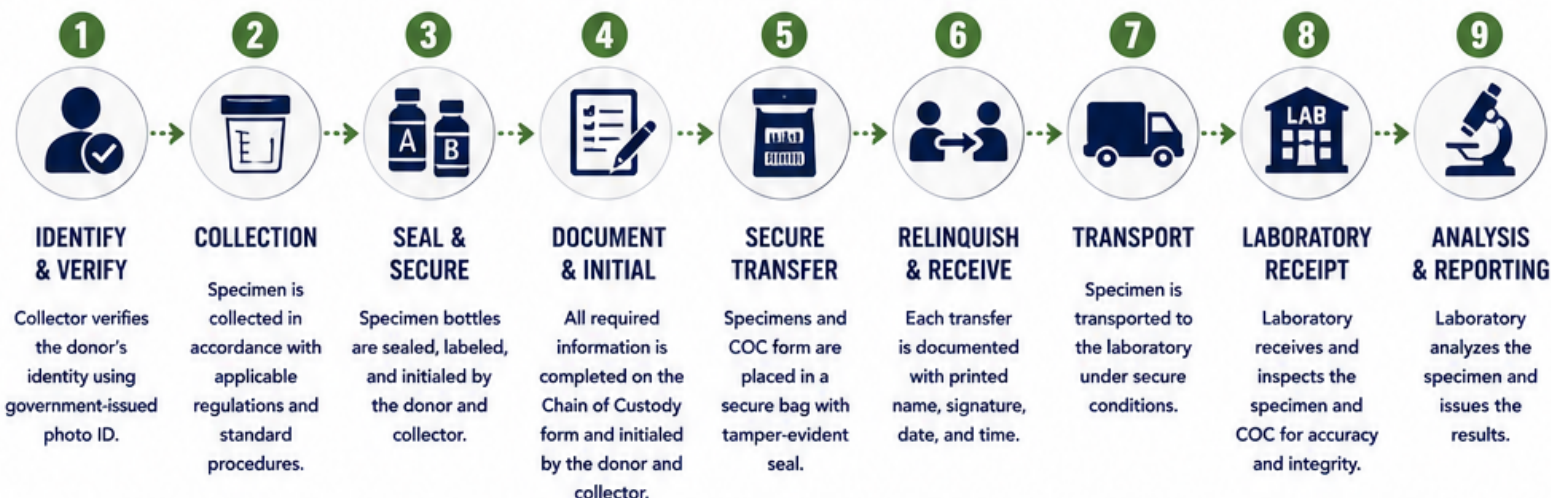
CHAIN OF CUSTODY OVERVIEW



Ensuring Integrity. Protecting Results. Supporting Compliance.

The Chain of Custody (COC) process is a documented, unbroken trail that verifies the identity of the specimen from the time of collection until the final laboratory analysis.

THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROCESS



WHY CHAIN OF CUSTODY MATTERS

A proper Chain of Custody ensures the specimen has not been tampered with, substituted, or compromised. It protects the rights of the individual tested and supports the validity of the test results.

- ✓ Protects specimen integrity
- ✓ Ensures regulatory compliance
- ✓ Supports accurate results
- ✓ Provides legal defensibility

WHO MAY HANDLE THE SPECIMEN?



Collector

Collects and relinquishes the specimen.



Courier / Agent

Transports and transfers the specimen.



Laboratory Personnel

Receives and analyzes the specimen.

Only authorized individuals may handle the specimen at each step.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Use tamper-evident seals
- ✓ Document every transfer
- ✓ Include date and time for each step
- ✓ Use printed names and signatures
- ✓ Keep the COC form with the specimen at all times
- ✓ Report any breaks or discrepancies immediately

A BREAK IN THE CHAIN



A break in the Chain of Custody may call the validity of the test results into question.

Examples include:

- Missing signatures or dates
- Unsealed or damaged containers
- Unauthorized handling
- Incomplete documentation

If a break occurs, notify your employer representative and the testing laboratory immediately.



- Review the COC form for completeness before leaving the collection site.
- Keep specimens in a secure, temperature-controlled environment.
- Maintain possession or control of the specimen at all times.
- Transport directly to the laboratory or authorized drop-off location.
- Report any discrepancies or issues immediately.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

The integrity of the test results depends on **EVERY STEP** of the Chain of Custody.

Follow your company policy and all applicable DOT, federal, state, and local regulations at all times.

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