General Guidelines for Urine Testing

Are any of the following present?*
Fever or rigors without other cause**
Painful urination
Blood in urine
Pain/tenderness along urinary tract
New/increased frequency or urgency

Yes
Notify health provider
Send urine for testing

No
Monitor/Assess
Apply nursing interventions

If condition worsens or doesn’t improve

*For those with indwelling catheters: consider acute mental or functional status changes without other cause

**Fever may be as low as 99°F or 1.2°F above baseline temperature