



Voiding Diary

Keeping a daily bladder diary will help you and your healthcare professional better understand your symptoms.

Date: _____

Time	Drinks		Trips to bathroom		Accidental leaks	Did you feel a strong urge to go? Yes/No	What were you doing at the time? Sneezing, exercising, etc
	<i>What Kind</i>	<i>How Much?</i>	<i>How many times?</i>	<i>How much urine?</i>	<i>How Much</i>		
2-3 pm	water	10 oz	✓ ✓	about 8 oz	yes - large amount	yes	sitting at computer

VOIDING DIARY INSTRUCTIONS

What is a Voiding Diary?

A voiding diary is a tool used by you and your healthcare professional to better understand your symptoms.

It helps you track and know how much and when you drink liquids, how much and when you urinate, when you have that “gotta go” feeling, and how much and when you leak urine.

When is a Voiding Diary used?

You can use a Voiding Diary before or after visiting with your healthcare professional.

You may choose to complete a Voiding Diary before you see your healthcare professional for the first time. Having a Voiding Diary during your first visit can be helpful. You may find it easier to explain your symptoms and how they are affecting your life. If you don't keep a Voiding Diary before your first office visit, your healthcare professional may ask you to start one. It can help them understand your daily habits and how your bladder is working during a 24-hour period.

How to complete the diary:

1. Begin your diary when you wake up each day. Take notes throughout the day, and continue until you complete 24 hours. For example, if you wake up at 7 a.m. on the first day of your diary, take notes until 7 a.m. the next day.
2. During the day, write down how much liquid you drink. If you do not know exactly how much liquid you are drinking, it's important to take a good guess about the number of ounces every time. Most containers will list the number of ounces they contain. Use these listings to help you make an estimate—for example, an 8 oz. cup of juice, 12 oz. can of soda, or 20 oz. bottle of water.
3. Take note of how much urine you make during the day. If your healthcare professional asks you to keep a Voiding Diary, you will probably get a special collection device to use. It sits under your toilet seat. It is marked with measurements to let you know how much urine you make. If you are keeping the diary on your own before visiting a healthcare professional, you may want to collect your urine in a paper cup. Choose a cup that you know holds a certain amount of liquid, such as 8 oz. You can rinse the collection device from your healthcare professional or your paper cup in the tub or sink after you use it. Keep the cup or device close to your toilet until you've finished your diary.
4. It's best to keep a diary for at least three days. A one-day diary may not give a true picture of your bladder condition. The three days you keep your diary don't have to follow one after another. Any three days you choose is fine.