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## **FLUID DIARY**

The Fluid Diary evaluates many important factors about your fluid and dietary habits, such as the amount of fluids taken in per day, how much the bladder holds, how often the need to urinate occurs and if and when accidents happen. This tool also helps evaluate your symptoms at baseline and track your progress over time.

The diary has rows to record each time you drink fluids and each time you urinate. The columns on the diary include:

Date The date you are recording fluids.

Time The time you took fluids in or time you urinated.

Fluid type The type of fluid you drank (eg. water, coffee, tea, orange juice, diet

soda, beer, wine, chicken soup).

Fluid intake Amount of fluids you drank, in cc or mL. You can find this amount of

the bottle or measure it. One cup is 236 cc (mL).

Urine voided How much you urinated.

Urge (Yes/No) Whether or not you had a sudden need or "urge" to urinate.

Leak (+/++/+++) Whether or not you leaked urine. + for a small leakage, ++ for

moderate leakage or +++ for a large leakage. You can also record pantyliner, pad or diaper changes and percentage wet they were (e.g.

pad change, 50% wet) or times you had to change clothes.

Pain (+/++/+++) Whether or not you had pain with urinating. + for small pain, +++ for

lots of pain.

Bowel movement Mark an x if you had a bowel movement. You may note if you had

diarrhea or constipation.

24 hour totals Add together all the fluid in and write down the 24 hour total

volume. Add together all the urine out and write down the 24

hour total urine volume.

For a complete evaluation, record **three 24-hour periods**. The days may be in a row or not in a row.

We suggest that you use the diary on weekends when you are at home all day. The more information you can collect, the better we can understand your bladder and form an effective treatment plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

## How to measure the urine

We suggest a toilet "hat." It is a measuring cup that is designed to fit in the toilet bowel. We can give you one at the office or they can be found at medical supply stores.



If a "hat" is unobtainable, any measuring system that you are comfortable with will work. Any sort of measuring container can be used. You may urinate directly into the container, or urinate into a larger container then transfer the urine into the measuring container.





	Date	Time	Fluid type	Fluid intake	Urine	Urge	Leak	Pain	Bowel move -ment
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