

Emergency Department Drug Testing: What to Test and What Not To

Everyone should use these

Strongly recommended for routine ED drug testing

- ✓ Amphetamines
- ✓ Benzodiazepines
- ✓ Cocaine (Benzoylecgonine)
- ✓ Fentanyl
- ✓ Opiates
- ✓ Oxycodone

Maybe needed

Utility varies by setting and population

- ! 6-Acetylmorphine
- ! Buprenorphine
- ! Methadone / EDDP
- ! Phencyclidine (PCP)
- ! THC
- ! Sedatives (e.g., barbiturates)
- ! Creatinine
- ! Toxic Additives (e.g., xylazine)

Probably don't need these

Minimal clinical utility in the ED

- ✗ Propoxyphene
- ✗ Tricyclic Antidepressants

Low prevalence, outdated drugs, or high false-positive rates.