CLAIMS:

1. A urine receiver comprising an open top of saddle shape which at least approximates the configuration of the inside of the thighs, labia, or other convenient zone and an outlet located in the base of the receiver for discharge of the contents, the outlet being connectable to a sample container for collection of samples of urine, the outlet being closable by a retractable plug; characterised in that connection of the sample container to the outlet causes retraction of the plug into an open position, allowing the contents to drain into the sample container.

2. The receiver according to claim 1 characterised in that the receiver includes a handle and a spout for easy disposing of the contents.

3. The receiver according to claim 1, characterised in that the sample container and the outlet comprise a bayonet joint so that the sample container is easily connected and disconnected to the receiver.

4. The receiver according to claim 1, characterised in that the sample container and the outlet are connected by a threaded screw connection.

5. The receiver according to any of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the receiver includes a holder for litmus or other indicators.

6. The receiver according to claim 5, characterised in that the indicator holder comprises channels located along the interior wall of the receiver.

7. The receiver according to claim 5, characterised in that the indicator holder comprises a separate insert receivable inside the receiver.

8. The receiver according to claim 7, characterised in that the insert is shaped to alternatively or additionally support a filter and/or sponge conforming in shape to the inside of the receiver, for absorbing the initial stream of urine and prevent unwanted ingress of microorganisms or other dirt.

9. The receiver according to claim 8, characterised in that the sponge is constructed of cellulose or other absorbent material.

10. The receiver according to any of claims 7 to 9, characterised in that the insert is located just under the spout of the receiver.

11. The receiver according to any of claims 7 to 10, characterised in that the insert is supported by a ridge extending around the interior of the receiver.

12. The receiver according to any of claims 7 to 11, characterised in that the insert includes a solid base sloping towards an aperture through which the urine not absorbed by the sponge, may flow.

13. The receiver according to any of claims 7 to 12, characterised in that the insert includes a suitable spillage protector for the spout.

14. The receiver according to any of claims 1 to 13, characterised in that the receiver includes a removable support base, on which the receiver may be located when not in use.

15. The receiver according to any of claims 1 to 14, characterised in that the receiver includes a replaceable rim element adapted to fit the rim and to form a seal with the zone during use.

16. The receiver according to claim 15, characterised in that the rim element is flexible as well as compressible so that it can seal well with a minimum of pressure being applied.

17. The receiver according to any of claims 1 to 16, characterised in that the receiver includes a removable lid.