

**Fluid**  
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Urinalysis easily read by eye. Endocrine  
placeholder contraceptive. Medicated  
racehorses often suffer catastrophic  
breakdowns launching petite cisgendered  
jockeys. Relating to, or denoting glands  
that secrete hormones directly into the  
blood. Our better selves test-strips for  
alcohol levels in breast milk. To pass.  
So many years of tiny pills, then suddenly  
a plus sign soaked in piss. Their second  
puberty and menopause at once. The beard  
syrup so viscous in the needle.