

Who can take samples? It is required by law that the samples are taken by a person who confirms the identity of all participants during the sampling procedure. This may be medical doctor, midwife, employees of Youth welfare and public health offices or hospital employees. They witness the taking of the sample, check and transfer the personal data of all participants and send the samples to the laboratory.



Ensure that the forms are filled in completely and signed by all participants where required. The analysis will be delayed should singnatures and/or documents be missing.

Please be aware: all persons having parental care must sign for minors.

The Sampler



Open the envelope "Sampling Kit". It contains the the swabs needed for sampling. DO NOT USE the swabs, if the seal is broken.

- For each participant fill in the details on the sample envelope.
- Make a clear photocopy of all relevant documents, e.g. ID cards and birth certificate.
- A package of two swabs for each participant is supplied.

Taking of Samples



- The first participants takes one swab.
- The tip must not be touched.
- Rub the swab firmly inside the cheek and rotate the swab to collect enough cells.
- Repeat procedure with the second swab.
- Also, repeat procedure for each participant.

Packaging of the Swab Samples



- put the swabs with the cell material (tip first) directly in the labelled sample enevelope and seal it. No drying required.
- Use one envelope per participant.
- Avoid mix-Ups: finish the sampling for one participant completely before starting with the next.

Completion of the Forms



- Please choose the test you wish to take (page 1).
- All participants give their written consent (page 3).
- The sampler confirms the proper execution of the sampline (page 3).
- Please fill in your contact details and order your personal DNA report (page 4).

Shipment to the laboratory



The sampler puts the complete documentation in the pre-paid return envelope:

- ✓ copies of all required documents
- ✓ labelled and sealed sample envelopes

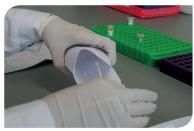
Important: The sampler must post the return mailer to us. Nothing else is permissible (danger of manipulation of samples). If the instruction is not followed, we may not process your samples.

Shipment of your DNA report



Reports will be sent to all persons listed on page 4.

For paternity tests we send out the reports latest after 4 working days after receipt of complete documentation and payment. Other DNA tests may take longer.



Reception and unpacking of your DNA samples



Instruction for a witnessed sampling



The head of the swab containing the samples is seperated and transferred to a barcoded tube for DNA extraction.



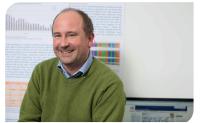
The barcoded samples are then registered.



The DNA analysis is carried out automatically in high troughput.



All results are checked by our experts in four-eye-principle.



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