



DNA Paternity Testing

Experienced. Reliable. Convenient.

LifeLabs Medical Laboratory Services offers a comprehensive DNA paternity testing service with all the convenience and reliability you can count on.

DNA paternity testing is used for the following:

- To resolve paternity challenges (or alleged paternity)
- For immigration purposes to prove that sponsoring parties and applicants are related
- To determine other familial relationships such as maternity or sibling relatedness



DNA paternity testing is a very scientific procedure. When performed by an experienced laboratory, it is considered as unique and accurate as fingerprinting.

LifeLabs Services

LifeLabs offers DNA paternity testing and collection services for the following:

- Paternity (identifies alleged father)
- Maternity (resolves maternal disputes)
- Adoption (to determine familial relationship)

- Estate (to resolve child or sibling challenges)
- Immigration (to determine familial relationship to a Canadian citizen)
- Twin Testing (to determine whether or not twins are identical or fraternal)

Our Qualifications

LifeLabs' DNA testing laboratory is accredited by the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) of British Columbia, and participates in external proficiency programs to maintain quality performance. As a full service clinical laboratory, you will have the benefit of having your results reviewed and signed off by a LifeLabs physician.

Accuracy and Credibility of Testing

DNA testing is widely accepted as the most accurate way to determine familial relationships. LifeLabs will provide test results that indicate greater than 99.9% probability for inclusion of the tested man as the biological father, or 100% certainty if the tested man is not the biological father.

If you choose the legal test option, you can be sure that our reports are recognized by courts across Canada. The home-collection option is not admissible in court.

DNA

(deoxyribonucleic acid)

DNA is the genetic material in the cells of your body that determines your biological characteristics.

With the exception of identical twins, every person's DNA is unique.

We all inherit one half of our DNA from each of our parents. DNA profiles can confirm these biological relationships.

For example, if a child's DNA does not match that of the alleged father, he can be excluded 100% as the biological father of the child.

If a child's DNA does match that of the alleged father, then there is a 99% (or greater) chance that he is the child's father.



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What You Need to Know to Get Started



How do I order DNA paternity testing?

Simple - you call the LifeLabs DNA Paternity Office at 1-800-663-9422 x4535 to start the testing process. Depending on your needs, you can choose a legal test, or the non-court admissible home collection option. You will be sent a Test Request and Payment Form that must be filled out and returned to LifeLabs with payment. Once the form and payment are received by LifeLabs, a test kit will be sent to the collection location nearest you, or to your home if you've chosen that option.

Where do I go to get my sample collected?

If you've chosen the legal test option, LifeLabs will inform you of the collection location closest to you. LifeLabs is the only laboratory with its own national network of Patient Service Centres. We also offer a mobile collection service for individuals who are unable to visit one of our PSCs. If you've chosen the home-collection option, a test kit will be sent discreetly to your residence. You simply follow the collection instructions and send the kit back to LifeLabs for testing.

What ID is required at collection?

In order to ensure chain of custody in legal cases, everyone must provide the following:

- Government-issued identification (e.g., driver's license or birth certificate)
- Separate original photo (to be kept on file)
- Fingerprints will also be obtained at the time of collection.

What type of sample is required?

LifeLabs offers a buccal (pronounced "buckle") swab sample collection service. A buccal swab looks and feels much like a Q-tip. The swab is rubbed against the inside of your cheeks and easily collects surface cells. This is a painless, non-invasive collection technique.

How long will it take for my results?

Test results will be available within 7 - 10 days of receipt of the last individual's sample at the laboratory.

What is the cost of testing?

The price for a legal DNA paternity test (for up to 3 people) is \$630. The home collection option is \$480. The fee for each additional person requiring testing is \$210. Price includes sample collection, analysis, written reports and courier costs. (Additional courier costs may be added if the sample is drawn from outside the LifeLabs network).

How do I pay for the service?

Payment may be made by Visa, MasterCard or cheque before LifeLabs collects your sample.

How do you ensure privacy is maintained?

Reports are confidential and will be sent to authorized parties only. No information will be released without prior consent.