

ORAgene DNA Collection Kit Instructions

STEP 1

Follow the **consent instructions** and read/sign all necessary consent forms prior to collection.

Remove the Oragene collection tube(s) from their containers- each one will have a **label** on it with name/ID#

Contact us if you have questions about the consent, if items are missing/damaged, or if your labels are incorrect



STEP 2

Follow the instructions provided for collection of the saliva sample(s). Additional instructions are also included. An assisted collection kit with sponges will be provided for children under age 6, and special pediatric kits will be provided for infants. For best results, collect sample and close lid within 30 minutes.



DO NOT eat, drink, smoke, chew gum, brush teeth, or use mouthwash at least 30 min prior



Collect your sample- the liquid saliva -not including any bubbles- should reach the fill line



Immediately after sample is done, close the lid to release the stabilization buffer into the tube



Remove the funnel lid and replace with tube cap. Tighten securely and gently shake for 5 seconds

TIPS & TRICKS

- ❖ If producing saliva is difficult, you can rub the outside of the cheeks near the back of the jaw in a circular motion to stimulate the salivary glands. A small drop of lemon juice on the tip of the tongue or the sight/smell of food can also help.
- ❖ If you need to pause during collection, place the open tube upright in a tall glass- do not close the lid.
- ❖ For assisted kits with sponges- the best places to absorb saliva are underneath the tongue and where the cheeks meet the gumline.
- ❖ If you are having trouble collecting the sample, please contact us for help and potential alternatives.

STEP 3

Seal each sample in one of the tubes marked “biohazard” and place the samples in the return box or envelope along with any consent forms.

Place the provided return packing slip over top of the old label, sealing all sides securely with packing tape.

If you have misplaced your box, you can put your samples inside another box/envelope and use the packing slip provided. If you have misplaced your label, please contact us for a replacement label.



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