

Saliva Split Collector Procedure

1. 10 minutes before the collection is administered, instruct the donor to drink 2 - 4 ounces of water and to place nothing else in the mouth such as food, drink, gum or tobacco products.
2. A few minutes prior to collection, instruct the donor to draw a pool of saliva into the mouth with a "puckering" action.
3. Have the Donor open the pouch and remove the assembled split collector. Hold it in a manner that keeps the collection tubes close to vertical.
4. Have the Donor place the hole in the top of the mouthpiece to the lips, and begin expectorating (forcing oral fluid) through the hole and into the device. Do not blow vigorously into the device.
5. Have the Donor repeat steps 2 and 3 until the saliva is above the "minimum volume" line labeled on the side of both collection tubes.



Additional Tips to reach the "Minimum Sample Volume" to avoid a Fatal Flaw:

- i. Rotate or tip the device right or left as necessary to direct the flow of saliva into both tubes.
 - ii. After the saliva collected is above the "minimum volume" line or greater than 2 on the scale on the side of the tube the collection can be stopped.
6. Once the "minimum volume" is reached have the Donor remove the collection tubes from the mouthpiece's base by:
 - a. Hold the split collector mouthpiece and base firmly in one hand while grasping both tubes in the second hand.
 - b. Push on the bottom of the base with the thumb of the second hand to free the base from the tubes.
 - c. Be careful not spill any of the sample.
 - d. Firmly insert the purple caps into the top of each collection tube. Discard the Split Collector Mouthpiece into the trash.
 7. There should be 2 PURPLE capped Collection Tubes when the process is complete.
 8. Place specimen seals, located on the bottom of the Chain of Custody Form, over the collection tubes. Have the Donor Initial & Date each tube.
 9. Place the specimen in provided biohazard bag (long pouch). Check the Chain of Custody Form and be sure all areas HIGHLIGHTED IN PURPLE are completed. Give the Donor the "Donor's Copy".
 10. Fold the Laboratory and MRO Copies and place them in the outside (shorter pouch) of the biohazard bag. Seal biohazard bag.
 11. Place specimen bio bag(s) in provided box in the FEDEX Shipping Bag. Apply shipping label to the outside of the FEDEX bag.
 12. Several Specimens may be placed in one box, and several boxes may be placed in same shipping bag.



Important Reminders Please Don't Forget

1. Make sure to seal the tops of the tubes with the specimen seals.
2. Mark "REASON FOR TEST".
3. Complete all areas highlighted in PURPLE.
4. Record the STORE #.
5. Please send multiple specimens per box / bag if you have them.