



Oral Fluid Drug Test

FAQS

Good questions. Straight answers.



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1. Which drugs can you detect in oral fluid?

The Intercept® Oral Fluid Drug Testing service can detect the SAMHSA drug panel (marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and PCP) plus Ecstasy. Additional drug tests such as barbiturates, benzodiazepines and methadone are also available.



2. How does the detection window for oral fluid testing compare with other methods?

Just like traditional urine testing, the window in oral fluid testing is different for each drug. What we have found interesting is that oral fluid screening identifies recent usage that can be missed by urine testing. For most drugs, the window of detection in oral fluid is about one to three days.

3. What methodology do you employ?

Oral fluid samples are first screened in a laboratory using enzyme immunoassay technology, proven reliable for routine drug testing. Any samples that test positive in the screening process are then subjected to gas chromatography / mass spectrometry / mass spectrometry (GC/MS/MS), the latest in drug confirmation technology. This tandem “MS”, as it is called, provides the most sensitive fingerprint of the drug target available.

4. How is the data reported?

As with all laboratory-based testing, results are logged in the laboratory information system and reported to the client by fax, phone or a secure website.

5. Can an oral fluid test be beaten?

We have studied a wide range of adulterants and have not found any that can beat our test. Of course, donors may attempt to introduce something onto the pad or collection vial. This risk is highly unlikely since every collection is directly and easily observed.



6. Who collects the sample?

The beauty of oral fluid collections is that the donor controls his or her own sample under direct visual supervision. The “collector” really is an observer and not in the “chain-of-custody” – the process most often legally challenged. If the donor wants to challenge the collection, the only person to challenge is the donor. The entire process takes just 5 minutes.

7. How much does it cost?

Oral fluid drug testing can be significantly less than traditional urine testing. The economic advantage of the Intercept® service is that it can reduce the cost of collections, scheduling fees, and lost time on the job.

8. What is the turnaround time?

The lab receives samples via overnight courier. Testing is performed the day samples arrive and negative results are reported within 24 hours. Positive results are confirmed, reviewed and reported within 48 to 72 hours of receipt.



9. Isn't oral fluid a hazardous fluid?

No. Because the testing methodology is not classified as a "dental process," OSHA does not consider oral fluid collection hazardous. In addition, oral fluid specimens are not subject to the same handling and disposal issues that face other body fluids.

10. How do you know if you have enough sample to test?

If the donor keeps the collection pad in his or her mouth for two to five minutes, target three minutes, as indicated on the package, there is enough to test. The collection pad is treated with salts to stimulate oral fluid secretion, making the process very reliable. In fact, based on existing experience for life insurance testing, only 1 in 10,000 samples are insufficient for testing.

11. How do I get more information?

Information is available on our website: www.4intercept.com. Employers, public health or criminal justice accounts can begin their Intercept® screening service by calling 1-800-869-3538.



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seal



Collecting a sample is quick and easy.

The donor places the collection pad between his or her lower cheek and gum for two to five minutes, target three minutes. The collection pad is then put into a vial, sealed and sent with a completed chain-of-custody form for analysis.



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