

How to Collect a Saliva Sample for a Cortisol Test

Collecting a Saliva Sample

Read all the instructions before collecting a sample. It's important to follow the instructions so it is collected the right way. This will help your test results be correct.

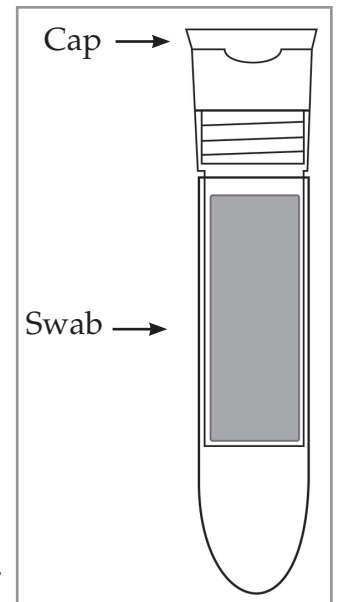
Before You Collect a Sample

- Do not use any steroid inhalers for 24 hours before collecting a sample.
- Do not use any creams or lotions that contain steroids such as hydrocortisone.
- Do not collect a sample if your gums or the inside of your mouth is bleeding. Talk to your health care provider if you often have one or both of these problems.
- The collection device should not be used by children under the age of 3. Children under the age of 10 should have help from an adult.
- Do not brush or floss your teeth before collecting the sample.
- Do not eat or drink 30 minutes before collecting the sample.
- Use the SARSTEDT® Salivette® collection device only.
- Do not touch the swab with your fingers.
- Your health care provider will give you instructions for what time to collect your sample. Follow any instructions he or she gives you.

Collect the sample at _____ a.m. / p.m.

How to Collect a Sample

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water. Dry them well with a clean towel.
- Remove the top cap of the tube. You will see the swab.
- Place the swab directly into your mouth by tipping the tube so that the swab falls into your mouth.
- Do not touch the swab with your fingers.
- Keep the swab in your mouth for 2 minutes. Roll the swab around in your mouth. (If you cannot roll the swab, keep it under your tongue.)
- Do not chew the swab.
- Put the swab back into the container without touching the swab.
- Put the cap back on the tube. Make sure it is closed tightly.
- Write your name, date of birth and the time the sample was collected on the label.
- Bring the sample back to your clinic the next day.



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