

# Paternity Testing...

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- ....Accurate
- ....Confidential



For Information or Appointment Contact

## Regional Pathology Services

402.559.6420 or toll free at 1.800.334.0459

The University of Nebraska Medical Center Human DNA Identification Laboratory  
The University of Nebraska Medical Center has offered DNA-based parentage testing through our Regional Pathology Services outreach program since 1991. The methods used for this type of analysis have been continuously updated and improved over the years. This has resulted in more accurate test results and a marked reduction in the amount of specimen necessary to obtain results. Our laboratory personnel are registered through the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and have extensive training and background in DNA-based testing.

### Pricing

Paternity (Mother Alleged Father, Child)	\$225.00
Additional individuals (Alleged Father or Child)	\$25.00 (each)
Additional individuals (after initial testing completed)	\$100.00 (each)
Unusual Specimens	Inquire

Payment is expected at the time of specimen collection ( or with receipt of specimens by mail) before testing will be initiated. Payment can be made by money order or bank cashier's check. At this time, credit cards, cash , and personal checks are not accepted. Paternity testing performed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is not payable by Medicaid or health insurance.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What is DNA?**

DNA is the genetic material present in every nucleated cell of the human body. Each person's DNA is unique (identical twins excepted) making DNA the most powerful tool to determine paternity.

### **How accurate is DNA paternity testing?**

DNA paternity testing is the most accurate form of paternity testing possible. Numerous genetic markers are tested, making it possible to obtain likelihood of paternity at 99.9% or greater. If the DNA type between child and alleged father do not match at two or more markers, then the alleged father is excluded.

### **Who should be tested?**

Ideally, the mother, alleged father and child should all be tested. Inquire if your case involves unusual circumstances.

### **Does the child have to be a certain age?**

No. Children can be tested at any age, including prenatal amniotic fluid sample.

### **What kind of sample is needed?**

A painless, non-invasive procedure called a buccal (cheek) swab is used to collect the DNA sample.

### **How long does DNA testing take?**

Test results are usually available within two weeks after all samples are received at the laboratory.

### **Is this testing confidential?**

Information given about the parties being tested is strictly confidential and will not be released to anyone without your written authorization.

### **Can the testing results be used by my insurance company to affect my coverage?**

No. The genetic markers that are tested are not of significance in any clinical condition. Also, the results are released only to the tested parties or those individuals designated in writing.

### **Will these test results be valid in court?**

Yes. Proper documentation is maintained on the test specimens to insure that accurate, reliable results are obtained and can be used in the court of law.

### **What if I have questions about my results?**

The laboratory director will be happy to discuss any technical questions concerning the test results with you. If you have legal or medical questions, please refer these to a qualified legal counselor or physician.

### **Is the laboratory accredited?**

The Human DNA Identification Laboratory is accredited by the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. The laboratory is part of the Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory located within the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a partner with the Nebraska Medical Center.

### **How is the testing performed?**

To establish paternity, our laboratory utilizes a technique referred to as Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Analysis. We use automated DNA sequence analyzers to obtain results that are highly accurate and reproducible.