

LEGAL PATERNITY TEST

HOW IS THIS TEST PERFORMED?

The process is simple. Genetic material is obtained from both the child and the alleged father via a soft swab on the inside of both cheeks. A sample from the mother is not required; however, it can be useful in the testing process. With the mother's participation, the lab will be able to determine which half of the child's DNA was contributed by the mother; therefore, the remaining DNA might then match the alleged father. The DNA of the alleged father is then analyzed to determine the probability that his genetic markers are also present in the child's DNA.

WHY MIGHT I HAVE THIS TEST DONE?

This test is useful for people who are interested in determining the biological father of a child. **These test results are legally admissible.**

If you are just looking for a Paternity Test that can provide answers and peace of mind, and you are not planning to use the results for any kind of legal purpose, check out the Informational Paternity Test (keep in mind that the results from the Informational Paternity Test are not legally admissible). However, if there is any chance that the results might be needed for legal reasons, then a Legal Paternity Test should be performed.

HOW ARE THE RESULTS REPORTED?

Our paternity test results report contains the following main sections:

- Genetic System Table (Locus/Allele Sizes Chart)
- Combined Paternity Index
- Probability of Relationship
- Test Conclusions

The test results will reflect the probability of paternity. A "0" means that the alleged father is likely not the biological father.

An extremely high probability of paternity indicates that the alleged father is likely the biological father (generally greater than 99%). A low probability of paternity indicates that the alleged father is likely not the biological father.

If another biological family member is suspected as an alleged father, it is recommended that they also participate in the testing.

OTHER RELEVANT TESTS

If you're interested in this test, you may also want to consider:

- Paternity Test- Informational (Non-Legal)
- Maternity Test

Website test descriptions and all associated information are provided through Any Lab Test Now and the Product Management Team, in conjunction with the Medical Professionals Committee, and Ekan Essien, MD, Corporate Medical Director.