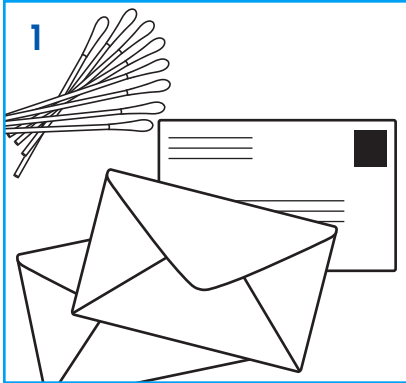




# DNA Sample Collection

## Make Your Own Kit at Home

*Please read through first, then follow instructions carefully.*

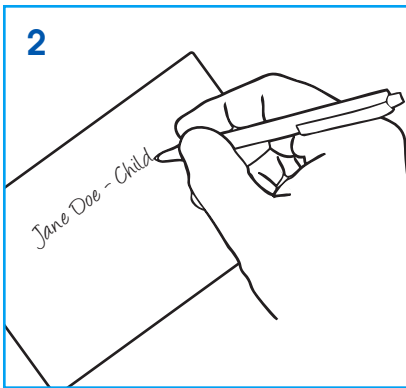


### Step 1: Gather Needed Materials

You will need the following:

- 4 Cotton Swabs (e.g. Q-Tips®) for each tested person
  - **Cut off** one end of each swab with scissors
- 1 Envelope per tested person (to package the swabs)
- Mailing envelope to send the swab samples (large enough to hold swab envelopes; or fold swab envelopes to fit)

*Note: To avoid sample deterioration, **do not** package the swabs in plastic bags.*



### Step 2: Label the Envelopes

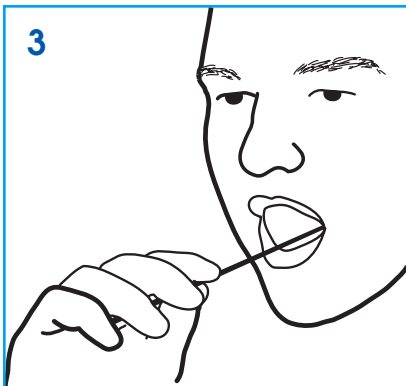
Label the individual envelopes with the name and role of each tested person (eg. “Jane Doe – Child”, “John Doe – Alleged Father”). Also, specify the race of each person tested (e.g. Asian, Black, Caucasian, Hispanic, or Other.)

### Step 3: Collect DNA

*Note for Steps 3-4: Collect one person at a time and seal the envelopes before moving to the next tested person*

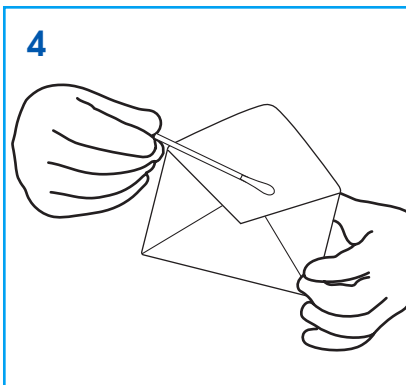
**Open** mouth wide. **Insert** swab into the mouth. **Avoid** touching the swab tip. (You may use disposable gloves if you have them). **Firmly Rub** the swab back and forth and up and down on the inside of the right cheek.

*Note: To avoid delay of test results, it is important to collect enough cheek cells on the entire end of the swab, so be sure to rotate the swab while rubbing.*



### Step 4: Place the Used Swab in the Envelope

Place used swab in the corresponding labeled envelope and repeat the process with the remaining swabs, using 2 swabs on each cheek. When all 4 swabs have been used to collect cells on both cheeks, seal the envelope and set aside.



### Step 5: Repeat Steps 3-4 for Each Tested Person

Repeat the entire collection process for each tested person. Remember to place each specimen in the correctly labeled envelopes and use 2 swabs on each side of the cheek.

### Step 6: Package Sample Envelopes for Mailing

After tested parties have been collected, let individual envelopes air dry for 30 minutes. Place individual swab envelopes in the mailing envelope. Complete the downloadable Client Information Form (<http://www.paternity-answers.com/form>) and include it with the swabs. Mail the envelope to DNA Technology Park, 225 Corporate Ct, Fairfield, OH 45014.