

# Paternity Testing

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## What is DNA Paternity Testing?

Paternity testing is the process of determining if someone is the father of a child. The only way to determine this is to compare the DNA of the child and the father. DNA is deoxyribonucleic acid, the main constituent of the chromosomes of all organisms. In simple terms DNA is like our own personal 'code'. No two people have the same 'code' however a child's 'code' is made up of 50% mother's DNA and 50% father's DNA, so we can identify the father by comparing the DNA of the child and the father.

## Why decide to have a Paternity test?

DNA testing removes uncertainty regarding paternity and gives you the confidence to make decisions.

There are many reasons you may want to have a paternity test. You may have doubt or curiosity or alternatively you may know that there is more than one potential father, paternity testing can confirm who the biological father is. Regardless of the past, what is important is knowing the answer for the future, because answers matter.

*A paternity test answers your questions and doubts, it removes uncertainty regarding paternity, giving you the confidence to make decisions.*

## What can a Paternity Test result be used for?

- Curiosity
- Confirmation
- Child support
- Birth certificate changes
- Inheritance
- Residency eligibility
- Adoption

## What Paternity Tests are available?

There are two types of paternity tests that are used to determine who the father of a child is. Which test is most suitable for your situation is determined by how you intend to use the results.

### 1. Legally Admissible Testing

This test meets the Family Law Act criteria and can be used for situations that require legal verification such as Births, Deaths and Marriages submissions, support agencies and Family Law Courts. This test coordinates the collection of samples to ensure the Family Law Act requirements are met and can be used for legal situations. If there is any chance the results of the test may be used for any legal purpose, this test is recommended.

### 2. Self Collection Testing

This test should be used for situations where the result is required for curiosity purposes only. As the name suggests, this is a test where you collect the DNA samples yourself. Medvet will send a kit in the mail and you collect the samples from all people being tested. This test provides the same scientific answer, but is quick, convenient and allows DNA samples to be collected from the privacy of your own home. This test cannot be used for legal purposes.

### How accurate are the results?

Medvet Laboratories are accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) to provide paternity testing and ISO9001 quality accredited. Our paternity tests will identify, with 100% confidence, if a man is not the father of a particular child, or with greater than 99.9% probability that he is the father (when the mother, child and assumed father are all tested).





### How much does it cost?

The price will vary depending on how many people are being tested and which type of test you need. Please phone us for a quote.

### How is the DNA collected?

A simple painless mouth swab is all that is required.

### Are my details kept confidential?

Medvet Laboratories recognises that privacy is important; your details are kept strictly confidential.

### Do I need to wait until my baby is born to determine paternity?

Prenatal tests can be performed early in pregnancy. A specialist obstetrician is required to collect the sample and counselling is recommended.

### Can DNA be collected from the deceased?

Under certain circumstance we can accept samples from autopsy or biopsy specimens.

### How can I arrange a test?

Medvet Laboratories provides paternity testing across Australia. If you would like to arrange a paternity test please phone us on 1800 MEDVET (63 38 38).



### How to contact us

If you would like more information please contact us directly or visit our web site.

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