

Cortisol - Saliva Collection Instructions

Complete and return this form with your specimen. Specimens received without this information may be rejected.

Instructions for the Patient

- **Do not** brush teeth, eat, drink, or take any oral medication for at least 60 minutes before collecting specimen.
- Rinse mouth thoroughly with water for 1-5 seconds, then wait 10 minutes before collecting specimen.
- Collect specimen between 11 pm and midnight.*
- Document Patient ID or Birth Date on the container label of the swab tube.
- · Record the exact collection date and time on BOTH the container label (swab tube) and in the box below:

Collection Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

Collection Time (hh:mm) am pm

Barcode Label

To Use the Salivette



1. Remove top cap of the tube to expose the swab.



- 2. Place swab directly into the mouth by tipping the tube so the swab falls into the mouth. **Do not** let fingers touch the swab.
- **3.** Keep the swab in the mouth for approximately 2 minutes. Roll the swab in the mouth. **Do not** chew the swab.





4. Spit the swab back into the tube. **Do not** let fingers touch the swab.





- 5. Replace the cap. Make sure cap is pushed on tightly.
- 6. Record the exact collection date and time on barcode label and on this form.
- **7.** Return the tube (with swab) and this sheet to your healthcare provider within 24 to 48 hours. Be sure to write the collection date and time on this form.

* Your healthcare professional may require a different collection time. Specimens may also be collected from 7 to 9 am, or 3 to 5 pm, depending on your healthcare professional's instructions.