

EXTENDING RELATIONSHIP TESTING

At Paternity For Life, we understand that for many clients this will be the first time they have undertaken DNA testing. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding testing or would like to know more.

What is a DNA test?

Deoxyribonucleic acid, more commonly known as DNA, is a molecule found in most cells in the human body. DNA contains all the information necessary to build and maintain the human body and forms the unique genetic code of each individual. It is what determines your eye colour, hair colour, how tall you are, and everything about your physical appearance and more.

DNA is passed on from generation to generation. Half of your DNA is passed on by your mother, and the other half by your father. By comparing specific areas of DNA, a DNA test can be used to determine paternity and maternity, as well as other relationships.

What relationships can be tested for?

Extended Relationship testing can be performed to confirm relationships between individuals that share common relatives, such as siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents, grandchildren, cousins, etc.

What type of sample is needed for testing?

DNA is extracted from cells collected from the inside of the mouth. Paternity For Life uses mouth swabs for a simple and painless collection process. Samples are collected by rubbing the mouth swab on the inside of your cheek. We will mail a collection kit which contains everything you need to collect your samples and instructions on how to do so. Paternity For Life will only accept buccal (mouth) swabs. We do not accept other types of samples for testing



What will the results tell me?

The results from a relationship test will show the likelihood of a relationship existing between the tested persons.

- A likelihood ratio less than 1 – a relationship is unlikely to exist.
- A likelihood ratio greater than 1 – It is likely that a relationship exists.

The greater the number above one, the greater the likelihood the persons tested are related.

If you are unsure of the test you need, please contact us to discuss your particular case. We can help determine which test would be best suited for you based on what it is you are looking to confirm through DNA testing and what the alleged relationship is between the persons to be tested.



