

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is a DNA Paternity Test?

**A:** A paternity test is a scientific test that compares the DNA of a child, mother, and alleged father to determine the likelihood whether the man is or is not the biological father of a child. It is possible to test only the child and alleged father, but it is preferred to also test the mother when possible

**Q:** Do I need an attorney or court order?

**A:** If all parties involved in the testing agree to participate voluntarily, neither an attorney nor court order is required.

**Q:** Can age or drug consumption affect the results?

**A:** No. Age and drug consumption do not affect the results. A person's DNA used in paternity testing does not change over time.

**Q:** What if there are two alleged fathers who are related?

**A:** If two related men are possible fathers of a child, it is highly recommended to test both possible fathers. If this is not possible, it is important to alert the laboratory that there are other possible fathers who are related to the tested alleged father

**Q:** Is there a minimum age for obtaining a sample?

**A:** No, there is no minimum age. Collection of DNA samples for paternity or identity testing using buccal swabs is safe for all ages. Minors must have appropriate consent from a legal guardian or a court order to collect the samples.

The ALPHA Behavioral Health Center offers other services such as:

- Urine and Hair Follicle Drug Screens
- Department of Transportation Drug Screens
- Prevention Services
- Rapid HIV Testing
- Alcohol, Drug, and Behavioral Health Counseling/Treatment Services for Adults and Adolescents

Please contact your local office for more information on the services that we provide!



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# DNA Testing

## **The ALPHA Behavioral Health Center**

(Main Office)

709 Mill Street, Camden, SC 29020  
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## **The Lee Center**

108 East Church Street, Bishopville, SC 29010  
(803)484-6025

## **The ALPHA Behavioral Health Center**

1218 East Boulevard, Chesterfield, SC 29709  
(843)623-7062

**Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**Tobacco- Free Facility**

### **DNA Testing**

The ALPHA Behavioral Health Center has partnered with DNA Solutions to provide rapid and affordable DNA relationship testing, providing legally binding, confidential, and conclusive results.

DNA Solutions offers legal testing for individuals who require the results to be used in a court of law. The American Association of Blood Banks has set the standards laboratories must follow to offer accredited legal relationship testing. DNA Solutions follows these standards to assure your test will be admissible in court and accepted by other government agencies. DNA Solutions' power of discrimination is 1 out of 100,000,000,000,000,000!

### **What is Included with your DNA test?**

- Up to four individuals can be tested
- Easy collection procedure – Buccal swab (cotton swab rubbed on inside of cheek)
- Legally binding results
- Average 2-3 day turnaround for results
- No appointment necessary!

### **Why Have a DNA Test done?**

DNA relationship testing not only can include paternity and maternity, but may also include grandparents and sibling relationships. A DNA test can assist in immigration, adoption, child support, and probate cases. DNA testing provides peace of mind, confidence, assurance, privacy, and the truth!

### **Fee for DNA Testing**

**\$300**

Off-site testing is available with prior arrangements for an *additional fee*. Contact us for more information!

### **What to bring the day of your DNA Test?**

Adults – Government Issued Photo ID (such as a passport or Driver's License)

Children – Birth Certificate, Hospital Documentation, or Social Security Card, **and** proof of legal guardianship

*Please note: age of consent is 17. A parent/guardian must be present if under 17.*

### **Methods of Payment**

We accept cash, checks, and most credit/debit cards.

*Payment must be received before test can be performed!*

### **Confidentiality**

All services are considered confidential and are protected by federal law (42 CFR Part 2) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. Due to Confidentiality regulations, all individuals must sign a release of information regarding their protected health status. Clients and parents of clients under age 16 will also be asked to sign an acknowledgement that says they have received the privacy notice.