

In the U.S., an estimated 1 in 10 expectant fathers is not. Over 320,000 parentage tests are performed annually including over 11,000 for immigration purposes. With these statistics, it is no surprise that DNA paternity testing is becoming more and more common. Just follow these 7 steps the next time you are working on a case in which paternity testing is required.

1. **Determine if all parties are available for testing.** At a minimum, samples are required from the child and the potential father for a standard paternity test (if the father is not available for testing, call 800-523-6487 to discuss alternative testing options). We always get the mother's sample if it's readily available, but it is not necessary. One parent or legal guardian must sign permission for the child to be tested. If the potential father is not the legal guardian or parent, the mother or legal guardian of the child must be willing to have the child tested. Most of the time, parties are compliant when asked. If not, obtain a court order for testing requiring all parties to contact Genelex to set up sample collection by a certain date.
2. **Determine who is responsible for the testing fees.** A standard legal test is \$475. In addition to the testing charge, sample collection fees may be necessary and range from twenty to forty dollars per person. Payment can be made with any major credit card or by money order.
3. **Contact Genelex at 800-523-6487 to set up the test.** We will take down the names of all tested parties and create a case reference number in our system. Give our phone number, 800-523-6487 and the case reference number to all tested parties and have them contact us to schedule their appointments. With over 1500 collection sites worldwide including mobile, we will find a convenient time and place for all clients to submit samples.
4. **Sample Collection:** Samples are taken using a painless cheek swab procedure. All adults must bring photo ID to the appointment for verification purposes. Additionally, they must include your information on the chain of custody form completed at the collection. This gives Genelex permission to release case information to you.
5. **Laboratory Processing:** Results are typically available 5-7 business days from receipt of all samples in the lab. Expedited testing is available in 1 or 3 days for an additional fee. Our standards for accuracy and certainty are inspected and accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks Parentage Testing Committee and exceeds testing standards in all 50 states. To view standards in your state, visit <http://www.genelex.com/paternitytesting/paternityteststandards.html>
6. **Results:** Results are mailed to all tested adults and their designated representatives. Copies of the chain of custody documents can also be mailed by request. Results can also be e-mailed or faxed by request for faster viewing.
7. **Customer Satisfaction Survey:** Complete the survey that is sent with all results and let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better.

Our goal at Genelex is to make the testing process as easy as possible for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time at 800-523-6487 if you have questions or require our assistance.

Additional information on parentage testing is available on our web site at www.healthanddna.com including the full text of DNA in the Courtroom at www.healthanddna.com/commonhtmls/dnarchive.html.

For immediate consultation Call 800-523-6487

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