

National Association for DNA Collection and Management



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Setting the Standard for Quality DNA Identification

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- Free Technical Consultation
- Standard Methods for the Collection of Biological Specimens for Paternity and Relationship Testing



The DNA Testing Market

The DNA relationship testing market has been growing steadily over the last twenty years, increasing on average at a rate of 12% per year. Today, it is projected that the annual number of persons that will participate in some type of paternity or extended relationship test will exceed 1 million. In sharp contrast, it is estimated that less than 200,000 persons were tested in 1988.

The increased demand for testing has been fueled by greater public awareness of the power of DNA and the accessibility of affordable DNA testing. The growth and popularity of the internet has also fueled demand through increased direct to consumer marketing.

The accuracy of modern DNA testing methods is forcing a change to antiquated paternity laws across the U.S. Many states are adopting laws that level the field for falsely accused men, allowing some degree of financial relief from hardships created from paying support for another man's child.

By all accounts, the outlook for the DNA paternity and relationship testing market is strong. As more people take a proactive role in their lives, the DNA testing industry will further develop and mature and ultimately require an increased demand for neutral third party administrators to provide DNA collections and case management services.

Setting the Standard

A high growth industry tends to attract a dynamic range of players, each with a range of skill sets and ethics. As the DNA testing industry evolves and the sophistication of the clientele increases, there will be a need for firms that are offering DNA collection to differentiate themselves through quality benchmarks. The *National Association for DNA Collection and Management (NADCM)*, a division of Chromosomal Laboratories, Inc, was created with that vision in mind.



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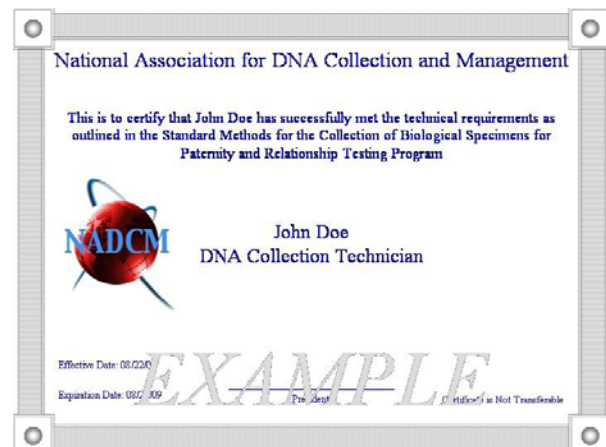
NADCM's Standard Methods for the Collection of Biological Specimens for Paternity and Relationship Testing is a comprehensive sample collection resource that draws from a number of peer reviewed publications representing industry best practice, including *Standards for Relationship Testing Laboratories*, 8th edition, published by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), *Forensic DNA Typing*, by John Butler, and regulations from New York State and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

State and federal requirements governing relationship testing laboratories in the United States are variable. Except for the State of New York, which has its own formal relationship laboratory evaluation program, the *de facto* industry standard is accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) for relationship testing. This accreditation demonstrates conformance to the current edition of *Standards for Relationship Testing Laboratories*. These standards have specific requirements for sample collection that must be met for compliance. Consequently, third party administrators providing sample collection services for relationship testing must be compliant with these standards, as well as other industry best practice.

When Quality Matters

More and more customers are choosing to do business with a company based on whether or not they are certified in their particular area of expertise.

A well trained, certified staff can offer better customer service to your customers, which will lead to increased referrals to your business.



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