

Things to Remember

- Questions regarding paternity are most easily answered with genetic testing.
- The parties may agree on genetic testing or the judge may order individuals to submit to the test.
- A genetic test sample is collected by swabbing the inner mouth and is collected from the mother, child and possible father.
- Results are available within approximately two weeks.
- Genetic tests are conducted in our office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.



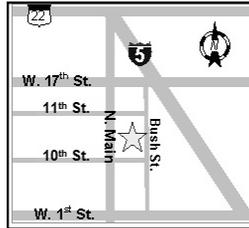
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Genetic Testing for Paternity



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This pamphlet is intended to explain the general procedures of the Department of Child Support Services and should be used for informational purposes only.

What is Paternity

Paternity means fatherhood. If the parents are not married, it is important to establish paternity so the legal rights of the child and parents can be secured.

What is Genetic Testing for Paternity

The legal process of determining the biological father of the child is called establishing paternity. If fatherhood of the child is in doubt, strong scientific evidence can be obtained to help resolve the issue. These scientific tests are based on the presence of inherited genetic traits ("markers"), which are passed from parent to child.

Motherless genetic tests can be completed when the mother of the child is not available to provide a DNA sample. The testing laboratory will compensate by running additional tests on the samples provided.

Note: Effective January 1, 2000, pursuant to Family Code Section 7575(2)(a), a Notice of Motion for Genetic Tests may be filed no later than two years from the date of the child's birth by Child Support Services (CSS), the mother, or the man who signed the Declaration of Paternity.

How Does Genetic Testing Help?

For each genetic test, the genetic markers occur in pairs. One marker (for each pair) comes from the mother (maternal marker), and the other one comes from the father (paternal marker). Testing of mother and child enables scientists to determine the markers contributed by the father. The tested man's markers are compared with the mother's and child's markers.

What Conclusions Can be Reached from Genetic Testing?

If the tested man does not have the paternal markers, he can be excluded (eliminated) as the father. If the tested man has the paternal markers, strong evidence exists to conclude that he is the father.

Is There a Cost for Genetic Testing?

No. Genetic testing is conducted at no cost to the tested man.

How Do I Get Genetic Testing?

You may open a case to establish paternity for your child by visiting our website to submit your application online. You may also call or visit our office to request an application.

A LabCorp representative is in our office to conduct on-site genetic tests on Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. You may call (866) 901-3212 for an appointment or walk-in to our office.

Do Courts Accept Genetic Evidence?

Yes. If paternity is contested, the judge may order the parties to participate in genetic testing.

How Long Does it Take to Get Results

Results are available and mailed to the tested parties approximately two weeks after the specimens are collected from all participants.

