

# NEWSFLASH ! ! !

## **PATERNITY (DNA) TESTING**

### *YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED:*

- **WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR PATERNITY TESTING?**

All persons involved must be physically present in the laboratory for sample collection as it is a complex process. The samples need to be sealed and signed after collection by the persons involved and also by the authorized Phlebotomist who collects the samples.

- **WHAT DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE PROVIDED?**

1. International passports for identification of the father and the mother.
2. Child's birth certificate.
3. The mother must accompany the child for identification and sign consent if child is below 18 years.

- **WHEN IS THE TEST DONE?**

Mondays and Wednesdays 08.00 –10.00 hrs

- **MUST THE MOTHER ALWAYS BE TESTED?**

Confirmation of the actual biological paternity can only be achieved if the father, mother and the child are tested together. However, the father and the child can be tested alone if the purpose of the test is for exclusion only.

- **CAN DNA/PATERNITY TESTING BE DONE IF ONE PARTY IS ABROAD e.g. FOR VISA AND IMMIGRATION PURPOSES?**

Yes, a DNA profile can be done on an individual giving the details of the DNA markers used. The other party must be tested using identical marker systems for the result to be reliable.

- **HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR THE RESULT TO BE READY?**

Approximately two weeks.

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