

Cortisol – Saliva Collection Instructions

Complete and return this form with your specimen. Specimens received without this information may be rejected.

Instructions for the Patient

- Do not brush teeth before collecting specimen.
- Do not eat or drink for 15 minutes prior to specimen collection.
- Collect specimen between 11 pm and midnight.*
- Record the exact collection date and time on **BOTH** the container label on the swab tube and in the yellow box on this form.

Collection Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	Time (hh:mm)	□ am	□ pm

To Use the Salivette

- 1. Remove top cap of the tube to expose the swab.
- 2. Place swab directly into the mouth by tipping the tube so the swab falls into the mouth. **Do not** let fingers touch the swab.
- 3. Keep the swab in the mouth for approximately 2 minutes. Roll the swab in the mouth. **Do not** chew the swab.
- 4. Spit the swab back into the tube. **Do not** let fingers touch the swab.
- 5. Replace the cap. Make sure cap is pushed on tightly.
- 6. Record the exact collection date and time on barcode label and on this form.
- 7. Return the tube (with swab) and this sheet to your healthcare provider within 24 to 48 hours. Be sure to write the collection date and time on this form.

*Note: The doctor may require a different collection time. Specimens may also be collected from 7 to 9 am or 3 to 5 pm, depending on the doctor's instructions.

Barcode Label