

# Frequently Asked Questions



**Good Questions –  
Straight Answers**  
from the pioneers of  
oral fluid drug testing

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**Intercept**<sup>®</sup>  
Oral Fluid Drug Test

### 1. How does it work?

The Intercept® Oral Fluid Drug Test is a lab-based drugs of abuse testing system. Under direct observation, the donor places the collection pad between his or her lower cheek and gum for five minutes. The collection pad is then put into a vial, sealed and sent to your lab with a completed chain-of-custody form for analysis. Results are reported the next day on negative results, and within 48 to 72 hours for positive confirmation.

### 2. Which drugs can you detect in oral fluid?

The Intercept Oral Fluid Drug Testing System can detect any of the following drugs using the OraSure Technologies Intercept® MICRO-PLATE assays.

#### Standard Intercept Panels

- Marijuana
- Cocaine
- Opiates
- Amphetamines
- Methamphetamine (including Ecstasy)
- Phencyclidine (PCP)

#### Additional Intercept Panels

- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Methadone

### 3. How is the sample collected?

The donor controls his or her own sample under direct visual supervision. The “collector” really is an observer and not in the “chain-of-custody” – the process most often legally challenged. If the donor wants to challenge the collection, the only person to challenge is the donor. The entire process can be completed anytime – anywhere and takes just minutes to administer.

### 4. What is the stability of the sample and how is it shipped?

Specimens stored in the Oral Fluid Specimen Vial may be kept at 39°F to 98°F for up to 21 days (including the time for shipping and testing). Shipping of the specimen is generally done via overnight courier as part of your arrangement with the laboratory.

### 5. How is the sample analyzed?

Oral fluid samples are screened in a certified laboratory using the Intercept MICRO-PLATE assays which use enzyme immunoassay technology (EIA), proven reliable for routine drug testing. Studies have shown that there is good agreement between assay results and confirmation testing by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS or GC/MS/MS). Your laboratory can help you set up confirmation strategies in accordance with your testing policy.

### 6. What is the detection window for oral fluid?

Just like traditional urine testing, the window in oral fluid testing is different for each drug. What we have found is that oral fluid screening identifies recent usage that can be missed by urine testing. Oral fluid samples provide a close match to drug levels in blood, identifying donors that are under the influence at the time the sample is collected. Since the Intercept testing system detects parent drug and metabolites, the window of detection in oral fluid starts within one hour of drug usage to about three days.\*

For specific information on the Intercept® Oral Fluid Drug Test please refer to the package inserts available at [www.orasure.com](http://www.orasure.com).

\*Cone; Oral Fluid Testing: New Technology Enables Drug Testing Without Embarrassment; CDA Journal, Vol. 34 No. 4, April 2006.

## 7. Can oral fluid be adulterated?

OraSure Technologies has studied a wide range of compounds and techniques available today, and has not identified any that can alter the results of the test. Furthermore, the risk of the donor introducing any compound into the vial is highly unlikely since every collection is directly and easily observed. These facts will cut all costs associated with adulterant and dilution testing common with urine testing.

## 8. What are the economic advantages of using oral fluid?

Oral fluid drug testing, with its “anywhere / anytime” collection process, results in significantly lower costs associated with collections, scheduling fees and lost time on the job. Oral fluid collections reduce the labor costs for gender specific collectors and shy bladder syndrome (can’t go) and eliminate adulteration testing – all of which contribute to the higher costs of urine testing.

## 9. How soon can you expect your results?

The lab receives samples via overnight courier. Testing is performed the day samples arrive and negative results are reported within 24 hours. Positive results are confirmed, scientifically reviewed and reported within 48 to 72 hours of receipt.

## 10. Is oral fluid a biohazard?

No. OSHA does not consider oral fluid collection hazardous. In addition, oral fluid specimens are not subject to the same handling and disposal procedures that are issues with other bodily fluids.

## 11. Has Intercept been upheld in court?

The Intercept testing system has been upheld in numerous court cases, meeting admissibility criteria set by the Frye/Daubert rules of evidence.

## 12. Who uses Intercept?

Millions of Intercept collection devices have been utilized nationally and internationally by large and small organizations over the past decade. These include drug courts, probation and parole, child protective services, and drug treatment facilities, as well as large manufacturing companies, multi-location retailers, hotel and hospitality venues, construction firms, and other small businesses.

## 13. How is training done?

Test administrators can be trained and certified in about an hour using our CD-based training disk.

## 14. Who is OraSure Technologies?

OraSure has a 20-year legacy of offering accurate and precise enzyme immunoassay (EIA) products for laboratory testing. We have a long history of meeting the needs of the drugs of abuse testing industry. Our team of scientists pioneered oral fluid testing and has led the industry with innovative and cost effective solutions. OraSure manufactures and sells products for testing drugs, alcohol, cotinine, HIV, and HCV.

## 15. How can I get more information?

Information is available on our website: [www.orasure.com](http://www.orasure.com). Employers, public health, criminal justice, and court professionals can begin their Intercept testing service by calling **1-800-ORASURE**.

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