



Drug & Alcohol Testing Panel Guide

Court • Probation • DHR / Child Welfare • Attorney-Requested • Individual Testing

Beacon Specimen Collection Services offers multiple testing methods to support court orders, probation requirements, monitoring programs, legal matters, and individual testing needs. The appropriate test depends on the ordering authority, required detection window, and purpose of testing.

Instant Urine Drug Testing

10-panel instant urine testing with fentanyl is available for situations where rapid screening is appropriate. Instant testing may be useful for routine monitoring, color-code programs, attorney-requested testing, and other non-DOT needs. Non-negative screens may require laboratory confirmation depending on the program or ordering requirements.

Laboratory Urine Drug Testing

Laboratory-based urine testing is available in a variety of panel configurations. Depending on the test ordered, services may include specimen validity testing, confirmation of non-negative results, and Medical Review Officer (MRO) review when applicable. Additional laboratory panels may be available upon request.

DOT Drug Testing

DOT urine drug testing is available when federally regulated testing is required. DOT collections follow applicable federal collection procedures and chain-of-custody requirements. DOT testing should only be used when the donor is subject to a DOT-regulated testing program.

Hair Drug Testing

Hair testing may provide a **longer look-back period** than urine or oral-fluid testing and can be useful when the goal is to evaluate a pattern of drug exposure over time. Available panels and specimen requirements vary by laboratory and testing purpose.

Oral Fluid Drug Testing

Non-DOT oral-fluid testing may be appropriate when a **shorter, more recent detection window** is desired. Because collection is directly observed, oral fluid can also reduce certain specimen-substitution concerns. Panel availability varies.

Alcohol Testing

Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) is available for DOT and non-DOT needs when current alcohol concentration is the concern. **Urine EtG alcohol testing** may be available when the ordering party needs a longer window for detecting recent alcohol exposure. The requested method should match the court, agency, attorney, or program requirement.

Random & Color-Code Testing

Beacon can support ongoing **random or color-code drug and/or alcohol testing** programs. Testing frequency, panel, collection method, observation requirements, and reporting should follow the requirements established by the court, probation program, agency, attorney, or other ordering authority.

Observed Collections

Observed collections may be performed when required by the applicable testing protocol, court order, agency requirement, or program policy. Observation requirements vary by testing type and governing rules.

Laboratory Confirmation & Additional Testing

When applicable, laboratory confirmation can be used to verify non-negative screening results. Beacon can also coordinate additional or specialized laboratory testing when available. **Quantitative or more detailed drug testing options may be available for certain specimen types through participating laboratories.** Availability, specimen type, methodology, and reporting vary by laboratory, so Beacon will verify the requested test before scheduling or representing it as available.

Not sure which test was ordered?

Beacon can review the testing order, court documentation, attorney request, or program requirements to help ensure the appropriate collection and test are scheduled. Beacon does not substitute one testing method, specimen type, or panel for another when a specific test has been ordered.

Need a panel that is not listed?

Contact Beacon. Additional laboratory drug and alcohol testing configurations may be available.

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