



BEACON

SPECIMEN COLLECTION SERVICES

Guiding You to Accurate Results

BD-202

CHOOSING THE RIGHT DNA TEST

A RESOURCE GUIDE

With many options available, this guide will help you understand the differences between DNA tests and choose the one that best fits your needs.

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DNA
RESOURCES
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**PROFESSIONAL.
CONFIDENTIAL.
ACCURATE.
COMPASSIONATE.**
Results you can trust.



Secure &
Confidential



Court-Admissible
Results



Experienced
Professionals



Mobile &
Convenient

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A DNA TEST



PURPOSE

Determine why you need testing (e.g., legal, personal knowledge, immigration, ancestry).



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

For court cases or immigration, a legal (court-admissible) test is required.



TURNAROUND TIME

Standard results typically take 2-5 business days. Expedited options may be available.



COLLECTION OPTIONS

Choose the collection method that is most convenient and comfortable for all participants.



CONFIDENTIALITY

Ensure your results are handled with the highest level of privacy and security.



QUESTIONS?

Our team is here to help you choose the right test for your needs.

TYPES OF DNA TESTS WE OFFER



LEGAL PATERNITY TEST

Establishes the biological relationship between a father and child. Court-admissible with strict chain of custody.



NON-LEGAL PATERNITY TEST

Establishes the biological relationship between a father and child. For personal knowledge only. Not for court use.



GRANDPARENT TEST

Determines the biological relationship between a grandparent and grandchild.



SIBLING TEST

Determines whether two people share one or both biological parents.



AVUNCULAR TEST

Determines the relationship between an aunt/uncle and niece/nephew.



IMMIGRATION DNA TEST

USCIS accepted testing for family-based immigration petitions.



PRENATAL PATERNITY TEST

Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) available as early as 7 weeks gestation.



OTHER RELATIONSHIP TESTS

We also offer twin zygoty, half-sibling, and other custom kinship testing.

TEST COMPARISON TABLE

FEATURE	LEGAL (COURT-ADMISSIBLE) TEST	NON-LEGAL TEST	PRENATAL PATERNITY TEST (NIPT)
Acceptable for Court	✓	✗ No	✗ No
Chain of Custody	✓ Strictly Followed	✗ Not Required	✗ Not Required
Collection Methods	✓ Buccal Swab (In-Person Only)	✓ Buccal Swab, Hair, or Other (Where Allowed)	✓ Maternal Blood (Non-Invasive)
Results Turnaround	✓ 2-5 Business Days	✓ 2-5 Business Days	✓ 3-7 Business Days
Personal Use Only	✗ No	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Typical Uses	Court cases, legal matters, immigration	Personal knowledge, family questions	Establish paternity before birth

WHAT'S INCLUDED



Easy-to-follow instructions and all collection supplies



ID verification (for legal tests) and consent forms



Secure shipping to our accredited laboratory



Accurate results with clear, easy-to-understand reporting

WHY CHOOSE BEACON?



Certified & Experienced

Our team is trained and certified in DNA collection and client care.



Strict Confidentiality

Your privacy is our priority. All information is handled with the highest level of security.



Court-Admissible Results

When required, we follow proper chain of custody protocols for legal use.



Mobile & Convenient

We come to you! Flexible scheduling and mobile collections throughout North Alabama.



Compassionate Care

We understand that DNA testing is often about important life moments. We are here to help.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW



- ✓ All participants must provide valid photo identification for legal tests.
- ✓ Accurate results depend on proper sample collection and handling.
- ✓ Results are reported to the ordering party in accordance with privacy laws.
- ✓ We are not a laboratory. All testing is performed in accredited laboratories.
- ✓ If you have questions, our team is happy to help you choose the right test.



Whether you need answers for legal, personal, or medical reasons, we are here to guide you every step of the way.

Professional. Local. Trusted.



READY TO GET STARTED?

Scan the QR code to visit our website or call us today.



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Client-Focused.
Results You Can Trust.



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