

# Instructions for Oral Fluid Sample Collections with Oral-Eze®



**Step 1** After positively identifying the patient and explaining the testing procedures, instruct the patient to empty mouth of gum, food, tobacco, etc. prior to oral fluid collection. If patient's mouth is not empty immediately prior to collection, have patient rinse his/her mouth with water (up to 4 oz) and wait a minimum of 10 minutes before collecting a specimen.

**Step 2** Instruct the patient to pool saliva into the mouth for a brief period prior to collection.

**Step 3** Peel open the Oral-Eze® Oral Fluid Collection System package just far enough for easy removal of the handle of the Oral-Eze® Oral Fluid Collector. *Note: Do not use the collection pad if the package has been previously opened, if the collection pad is wet, or if indicator dye is visible in the round, sample adequacy window prior to use.* (Figure 1)

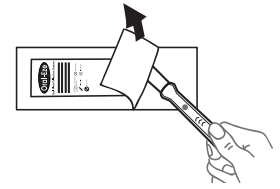


Figure 1

**Step 4** Use the handle to remove the device from the packet. *Note: Do not touch the collection pad with fingers before or after specimen collection.*

**Step 5** Instruct the patient to guide the Oral-Eze® Oral Fluid Collector into his/her mouth and place the collection pad and plastic shield between the lower cheek and gum with the plastic shield facing the cheek. (The pad should be oriented so that the round window in the handle is facing towards the center of the mouth). Direct saliva towards the pad. (Figure 2)

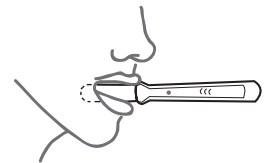


Figure 2

**Step 6** Start a 10-minute timer. Instruct the patient to keep the pad stationary (the pad should not be chewed or sucked). The collection process is complete when the blue color appears in the round (sample adequacy) window of the handle, or when collection time reaches 10 minutes, whichever occurs first. (Figure 3)

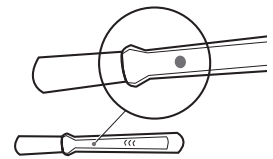


Figure 3

**Step 7** When the collection is completed, remove the Oral Fluid Collection Tube from the package. Hold the tube upright and remove the cap from the Collection Tube. Instruct the patient to remove the Oral-Eze® Oral Fluid Collector from his/her mouth and guide the pad into the opened Collection Tube. *Note: Do not place collector back in mouth after it has been placed in the Collection Tube.* (Figure 4)

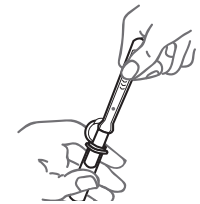


Figure 4

**Step 8** With the pad in the Oral Fluid Collection Tube, place your thumb on the ridges of the Oral Fluid Collector handle and push forward to eject the pad from the handle and into the Collection Tube. If the pad does not immediately drop into the Collection Tube, lightly press the pad against the side of the Collection Tube until it drops. After ejection, replace the cap on the Collection Tube and seal tightly. (Figures 5-6)

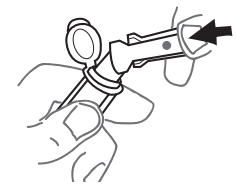


Figure 5

**Step 9** Place the specimen vial into the specimen bag and complete the procedures to prepare and ship the specimen to the testing laboratory.

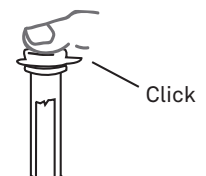


Figure 6