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Oral fluid testing guidelines

Improving the reliability of oral fluid testing

Quest Diagnostics is dedicated to delivering accurate results on time, every time. Proper collection and transportation of specimens is critical to quality result reporting.



Specimen stability guidelines

Please adhere to the specimen stability and submit your samples the same day they are collected.

- Room temperature: 72 hours
- Refrigerated: 7 days
- Frozen: 30 days with swab removed

The room temperature stability for drugs in oral fluid is 72 hours from time of collection to test set up. This test is often cancelled because the specimen is beyond stability.



Specimen integrity

Ensure the collection pad is saturated. The blue dye will migrate to the circular window on the handle indicating complete collection. Avoid spilling any of the sample after collection. Press the cap completely to seal the container and prevent specimen leakage.

Remember to follow these guidelines to optimize sample accuracy.

