

SINGLE AND MULTI-PANEL DRUG TESTS

Introduction

This test looks for the presence of drugs of abuse. Please reference your panel test to the table overleaf where you will find the abbreviated codes, proper drug names, street names and the approximate detection times.

Please note Methamphetamines are part of the Amphetamine family of drugs and so will normally show positive for ecstasy (Es). This test is fast, accurate and very easy to do.

Drugs in the workplace

Drugs can affect the brain and the body in several ways and this in turn may impact the employee's performance at work even if the misuse takes place outside the place of work. As an employer, you have a duty to ensure as far as is reasonably possible that your employees are not a danger to other employees or the general public by consuming drugs of abuse.

Legalities

If you are an employer wanting to test staff for drugs of abuse it is important that you have a policy in place, warning staff that they may be subject to random drug tests and that the use of drugs in the workplace or being under the influence of drugs in the workplace is a dismissible offence. It is also important that you keep up to date on the latest government legislation.

If one of your employees has a drug problem you should make every effort to help them and encourage them to seek professional help. If drug abuse is a common problem in your work place it may be in your interest to begin a drug awareness programme for staff and managers.

Pack contents

- Foil pouch containing drug test
- Full Instructions

When should I do the test?

This test can be done at any time.

How long will it take before I can read the result?

The results can be read in 5 minutes.

Precautions

1. This test is for external use only.
2. Do not use this test beyond the expiry date on the foil pouch.
3. Use a new test panel for each urine sample to avoid false results.
4. Do not use this test if the foil pouch has been opened.

How accurate is this test?

This test is very accurate and the sensitivity levels meet the U.S.A, SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) standards and recommended levels set by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

There is however a possibility of false results due to the interference of other substances in the urine.

Common substances that may give a false positive result include:

Codeine - a range of over-the-counter painkillers contain codeine, including Nurofen Plus and Co-codamol.

These products will give a positive result on an opiate / morphine test.

It would be advisable to ask the person being tested if they are on any prescription drugs for medical purposes before the test is carried out.



Single Drug Panel Test



Multi-panel Drug Test

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Test procedure

1. Remove the test panel from the foil pouch (do not break the seal of the foil pouch until you are ready to begin the test).
2. Using a plastic cup, obtain a urine sample from the individual who is being tested.
3. Pull the protective cap off the bottom of the test panel to reveal the absorbent testing strips, do not touch the strips and do not throw away the protective cap.
4. Carefully dip the testing strips into the urine sample, ensuring that the urine does not come into contact with the plastic case of the test. Allow the test to absorb the urine for about 15 seconds.
5. After 15 seconds, remove the test from the urine and replace the protective cap.
6. Lay the test panel on a clean flat surface while the test lines develop.
7. You can read negative results as soon as they appear but positive results must be read at least 5 minutes after removing from urine. All results should be read within 10 minutes, otherwise a false reading may occur.

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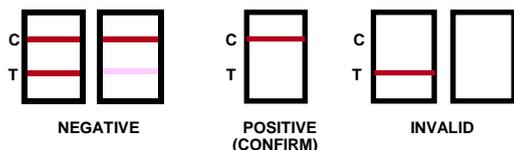
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Results

Read the results of each strip individually and independent of each other.

You will see 2 letters on the cassette by the test strips; 'C' is the control band and 'T' is the test band.



A pink/red coloured line should appear on each strip of the control band (C) to confirm that each strip has worked correctly. If no line appears in the control band (C), then that strip has not worked properly and you may need to do a further test.

A second pink/red coloured line should now appear in the test band (T). This is a **negative** result. If no further line appears in the test band (T) then the individual has tested **positive** for that drug of abuse.

The colour intensity of the test band (T) is irrelevant; ANY second line (even a faint one) indicates a negative result

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Remember, a negative urine sample will produce 2 lines and a positive urine sample will produce only 1 line in the control band (C).

What should I do with the results?

If you obtain a negative result then none of the tested drugs of abuse have been detected at this time. You may want to re-test again in a month's time.

If you obtain a positive result on one of the drug strips then a drug of abuse has been detected in the urine.

Storage

This test should be stored below 30°C (86°F). Do not freeze.

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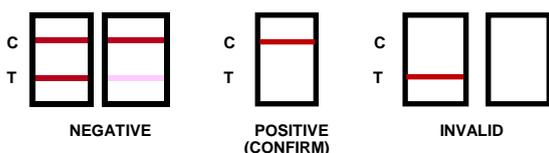
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