

DNA Testing for Immigration, Relationship & Parentage

DNA testing is a general term that includes many specific tests including immigration, relationship and parentage testing.

Your DNA is unique – it is not quite the same as anyone else's DNA – and because of this, DNA testing is an extremely powerful means of identification.

Your DNA is inherited equally from both of your parents. This means that a comparison of DNA from two or more people can be used to establish or exclude genetic relationships.

Paternity Testing

Paternity testing is the most common type of DNA relationship testing. It is used to determine the biological father of the child. In this test the child is compared with the mother to determine which DNA comes from the mother. The 'father' is then compared to the child to confirm that the DNA which does not come from the mother is found in the father. If the 'father' does not have that DNA, he is excluded as the father of the child. If the DNA profile of the 'father' matches the child, the probability of paternity can be determined with a confidence of up to 99.9%.

Prenatal Testing

Prenatal paternity testing can be performed on amniotic fluid or chorionic villus samples from 10½ weeks of pregnancy. Please consult with your obstetrician and gynaecologist regarding this test.

Relationship Testing

Other family relationship and identification issues can be resolved using DNA identification technology.

These include:

- Maternity
- Sibship
- Twin studies
- Deceased estates
- Genealogy

Immigration Testing

Sonic Clinical Institute (SCI) Genetics is recommended by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs as a laboratory accredited for DNA testing for Immigration. SCI Genetics liaises internationally to arrange collection, and to ensure all processes meet Australian standards.

Specimen Collection

SCI has a very large network of collection facilities and a secure transport infrastructure throughout Australia. Collection personnel are all trained in the rigorous chain-of-custody procedures necessary for legal DNA testing.

Results

Results are available within 10 working days from receipt of samples. For security reasons and to ensure correct interpretation of results, SCI sends reports to your doctor, lawyer or other nominated professional adviser.

Fees

Testing fees are all inclusive of booking, collection, secure transport, testing and reporting of results. Urgent testing can be performed for an additional fee. *Please note that these tests are not covered by Medicare.* For a current list of fees please contact SCI Genetics on 1800 010 447.

Legal Issues

All our reports are prepared to the highest standards to ensure that they are admissible to the Family Court, Department of Immigration, Registries of Births, Deaths and Marriages and child support agencies. This avoids the need for possible repeat testing.

In line with the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission Report "Essentially Yours: The Protection of Human Genetic Information in Australia for the Ethical Testing of Genetic Material", SCI Genetics does not provide testing of children without their mother's knowledge, nor does it test anonymous samples. In certain situations, however, the Family Law Court can intervene to provide consent.

Client Checklist for Parentage Testing

1. Call SCI Genetics on **1800 010 447** to arrange collection of samples and payment of fees.
2. SCI Genetics will forward a document pack to you. This pack contains information and all legal forms to be completed before specimen collection.
3. Complete legal forms, nominating your local doctor, lawyer or other professional adviser to receive the reports.
4. Ensure Family Law Act Form 2 (in the document pack) is completed and signed by a Justice of the Peace or solicitor.
5. Take a passport size photo and completed legal form for each donor to the collection appointment.



Sonic Clinical Institute Genetics

Sonic Clinical Institute (SCI) Genetics is a highly specialised testing facility providing Parentage, Immigration and other types of DNA Testing for legal and relationship issues.

SCI Genetics practises the highest ethical standards and is accredited by NATA to ISO/IEC 17025 for Parentage and Molecular Genetic Diagnostic Testing.

SCI is part of the Sonic Healthcare group of diagnostic practices. Sonic Healthcare is an independent, Australian owned publicly listed company which operates in the field of medical diagnostics.

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