

Drug Test Strips & Panels

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Drugs in the workplace

Drugs can affect the brain and the body in a number of ways and this may affect 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.

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

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Precautions

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2. Do not use this test beyond the expiry date on the foil pouch.
3. Use a new test for each urine sample to avoid false results.
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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.

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Fig.1
Single Drug Strip Test



Fig.2
Single Drug Panel Test



Fig.3
Multi-Drug Panel Test

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Test procedure

1. Remove the test 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. If you have a panel test (shown in **Fig.2 & Fig.3** above), pull the protective cap off the bottom of the test panel to reveal the absorbent testing strip(s).
4. Carefully dip the end of the test with the wavy lines into the urine sample, ensuring that the urine does NOT go above the MAX line. On the strip tests (shown in **Fig.1** above), this is located just above the wavy lines; on the panel tests, make sure the urine does not touch the plastic case.
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6. Remove the test from the urine, lay the test strip on a clean flat surface while the test lines develop. You can read negative results as soon as they appear but positive results must be read at least 5 minutes after removing from the urine. All results should be read within 10 minutes, otherwise a false reading may occur.
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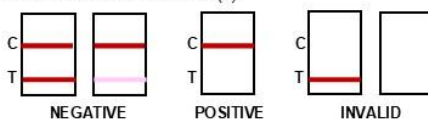
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Results

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

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The control line (C), has to show as this confirms that the test has worked properly.

If no control line appears the test hasn't worked properly and you may need to do a further test.

A second pink/red coloured line below the control line, no matter how faint, should now appear. This is a negative result. If no further line appears below the control line then the individual has tested positive for that drug of abuse.

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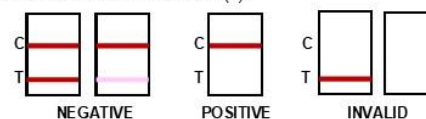
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BUP	10	BUPRENORPHINE	SUBUTEX	3-6 days
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CFYL	500	CARFENTANYL / CARFENTANIL	WILDNIL	2-5 days
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Use the drugs table below to work out which drug the abbreviated code corresponds to. For example, the code "THC" indicates Cannabis. Please note that the drug test you have bought will not test for all the drugs listed in the table below; you need to check the code(s) on the test to see which of the drugs your test will detect.

What should I do with the results?

If you obtain a negative result then the person tested has none of the tested drugs of abuse in their body 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 tests then a drug of abuse has been detected in the urine. We strongly advise you send the specimen away to have the result confirmed.

Storage

This test should be stored between 2-30°C (36-86°F), do not freeze. Bring the test kit to room temperature before performing the test.