

# PARENTAGE & IDENTIFICATION DEPARTMENT



## State-of-the-Art DNA Testing Services Available

The Parentage & Identification Department of Cuyahoga County's Regional Forensic Science Laboratory now offers state-of-the-art DNA parentage and relationship testing services. DNA analysis is the most conclusive, accurate and reliable means of parentage and relationship testing available today. Our AABB accredited laboratory is staffed by a team of seasoned professionals. We provide documented results that are legally admissible in a court of law.

## The DNA Relationship Testing Process

The DNA testing process begins with sample collection. DNA is then extracted from the samples and through the course of testing, DNA profiles are generated for each of the individuals. In paternity testing, the DNA profile obtained from the child is then compared to profiles of both the mother and alleged father. Our DNA Paternity test yields probabilities of 100% for exclusions and greater than 99% accuracy for inclusions.

## DNA Paternity Testing is used for the following:

- To confirm the biological father of a child
- To exclude alleged/possible father(s) of a child
- To assist in establishing child support
- To create a record for immigration
- To help resolve child custody issues
- To help settle inheritance disputes
- To help resolve welfare cases and social security cases

## Immigration Testing Services

For immigration visas, our DNA testing services provide clients with legally defensible determinations of family relatedness.

## Additional DNA Testing Services Provided

Grandparentage, Siblingship and Relationship testing is offered to determine family relatedness for personal or legal reasons. Twin Zygosity testing will confirm whether twins are identical or fraternal. Other DNA testing services include DNA ID Profile and Y-chromosome Typing.

## Qualified Staff

Our laboratory is staffed by scientists with extensive training and background in DNA-based testing.

## Legal Chain of Custody Protocols

We observe Legal Chain of Custody Protocols assuring our clients that their results are not only accurate, but legally admissible in courts of law.

## Qualified Expert Witness

Expert witnesses are available for court testimony and depositions.

## Convenient One-Stop Service

An independent sample collection office is conveniently located on the 1st floor of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office facility located by Cleveland's University Circle area. Our address is: 11001 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Parking is available and we are easily accessible by public transportation.

## Collection Appointment Scheduling

To schedule an appointment, please call (216) 698-4267, or for more information, call (216) 698-4271. Our business hours are from 9am to 4pm, M-F. We welcome inquiries and will gladly answer your questions.

## What to bring

All persons providing samples will need to bring necessary identification documents (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, etc.) to the collection appointment. Additional documents will be completed at that time. Half of the total payment is required at the collection appointment. Plan on a 30-45 minute appointment for completing forms and collecting samples.

## Sample Collection

A simple, non-invasive procedure called a buccal (cheek) swab is used to collect the DNA sample. In disputed parentage cases, we collect DNA samples from all involved parties. In cases where all parties cannot be present, other sample collection arrangements can be made.

## Testing Results

Test results are usually available within 10 business days from receipt of samples of all parties involved in the case. A report will be generated and issued to any necessary institution (courthouse, embassy, or attorney's office) at the request of the participant.

## Pricing

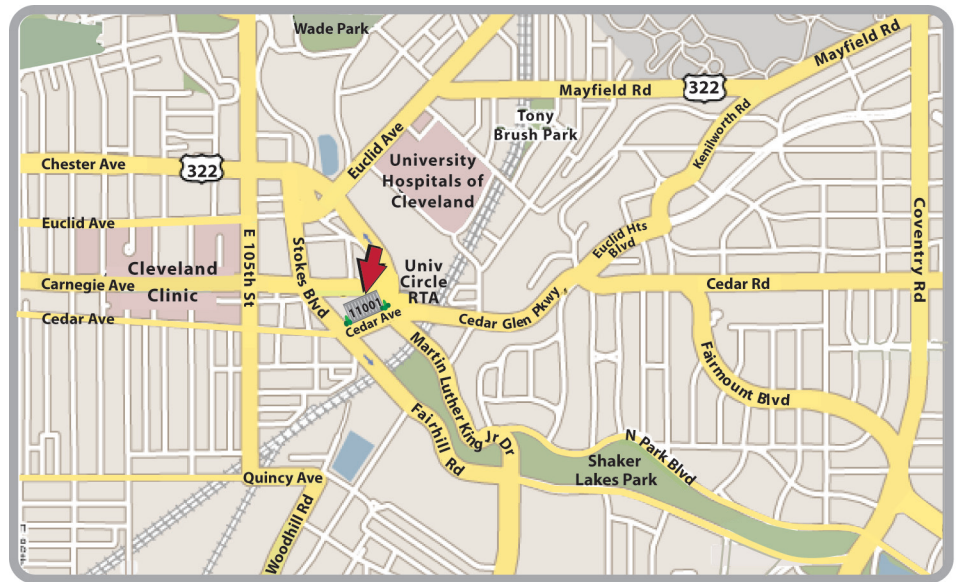
DNA Parentage Testing for a party of up to three individuals costs \$425.00 (Mother, Alleged Father, Child). A \$75 charge is assessed for each additional individual. (Alleged Father or Child). Pricing for other relationship testing and cases involving deceased parties will require additional fees. Payment can be made by cash, money order or bank certified check. Checks should be made out to **Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office** (At this time, credit cards and personal checks are not accepted).

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**Office Hours:**  
9am - 4pm, M - F



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