

FAQ #3 - How is One Tested for their DNA?

Another popular question is concerned with how to obtain a test kit for the genetic genealogy tests and what is involved with taking the test and receiving the test results. The process is very simple and does not involve using needles or blood.

You can order a test kit via one of the Web links provided here for an FTDNA DNA Project. The Project Link will provide you with the web page where you select a specific test and then link you to the order application. Fill out the application with your contact information and then select a payment method. You can pay for your test on-line with a credit card or have FTDNA provide you with an invoice that you can return with the kit and your check for the payment of your test.

When you place a DNA test order, FTDNA sends you a test kit via the regular U. S. Mail to the address you have provided on the order application. The test kit contains the small brushes you use to swab the inside of your cheek, the vials you will use to seal up the used brushes, and the simple instructions for obtaining a good swab to collect a few cells containing your DNA. Also included with the kit is the return envelope you will use to send your swabs back to the FTDNA lab for processing.

You can view the test kit instructions via the following link:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/test-instructions.aspx>

Your test results are generally available within about five (5) weeks from the time the lab receives your swabs. You are provided with a hard copy of your test results and your personal password-protected Web page for viewing your test results and the information you need to use your results to further your research. If you still need help to understand the test results, the volunteer Project Administrator for the Project you have joined will be more than happy to assist you.