

Lab Testing Instructions for Patients Updated: 11/16/12

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## **Salivary Hormones:**

- 1. Do not use hormones the night or morning of the test if you are taking any
- 2. If you are taking birth control pills please confirm with your physician that they want you to take the test anyway.
- 3. Women will collect saliva days 19-21 of cycle. Day one is the first day of your period. If you are post-menopausal any day is fine. Men too can collect on any day.
- 4. Collect specimen in the morning before breakfast, lunch, dinner and bed.
- 5. Each color of tube is for a specific time of day.
- 6. Complete requisition and include in box
- 7. Make sure all tubes are closed tightly so specimen does not leak.
- 8. Place tubes in box, use seal to close box.
- 9. Place specimen in freezer until mailed. Kit must be sent within 14 days of collection.
- 10. Ship kit with prepaid mailing label.