

Appendices

Appendix 1.

Instructions for Collecting Samples

Collection with Paperpoint (PP):

- Ensure that the collection area is "dry," optionally using cotton rolls around the tooth.
- Subsequently, apply the sterile tweezers with the paper point into the pocket and remove it after 20 seconds, placing it directly into the tube with buffer.

Collection with Swab:

- In the collection region, move the swab over the surface with a rotating motion for 15 seconds.
 - If there is a lot of saliva in the collection region (especially in the tumor area of the floor of the mouth, for example), first gently dry the area with gauze or aspirate it gently.
 - After collection, place the swab in the tube with buffer and cut it off.
- All locations are placed separately in a tube with buffer.

Tubes can be stored at room temperature, away from direct sunlight.