

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Is your laboratory accredited by any organisation? If yes then which organisation?
2. What services does your laboratory provide?
3. Does your laboratory provide DNA testing?
4. How do you collect and store DNA samples?
5. What agencies/organisation sends you DNA cases for analysis?
6. Which procedural guidelines does your DNA laboratory follow?
7. Does your laboratory contract with a private laboratory to do DNA testing?
8. What type of DNA cases submissions does your laboratory accept? (criminal, known, unknown or others)
9. To which agencies does your laboratory regularly report DNA results? (only agencies that submitted case, investigating office or others)
10. Does your laboratory save DNA samples for re-testing?
11. Does your laboratory maintain a local DNA database either computerised or as a paper listing? If yes then who has access?
12. What steps does your organization take to protect and secure this database? (Are these databases secure against hackers and other problems)
13. Does your laboratory have a privacy policy? If so - what is your laboratory's privacy policy?
14. If your lab does not save DNA samples, what happens to one's DNA samples after testing is done?
15. What happens to DNA results after a laboratory tests individual and gives a copy of the result to him?
16. Does your laboratory sell individual DNA results or any other personally identifiable information?
17. What other steps does your laboratory take while testing, to keep individual DNA results and his identity separate? (put different numbers to each sample)
18. Does your laboratory analyse health information? Do you allow insurance companies to have access to any information?
19. What laws does your lab operate under?
20. When and where these laws introduced?
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22. Which legislative body is responsible for these laws (i.e., State)?
23. Which legislative body is responsible for the operation of the laboratory?
24. How will any potential National Laws effect the operation of the laboratory etc?
25. How many DNA samples and DNA profiles do you currently store and how many of these are from (a) crime scenes (b) individuals (personally identifiable) (c) anonymised?
26. Which system(s) of DNA profiling do you use (e.g. CODIS, SGM-Plus, Low Copy Number, SNP testing)? How many tests do you perform each year (by type)?
27. Does your laboratory undertake paternity testing?