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AWDTS is delighted to offer the services of *Psychemedics Corporation*, the world's leading forensic-accredited hair testing laboratory, providing hair testing for individuals, legal firms and Pre-Employment testing for employers. Hair testing is unique, providing information about long-term, chronic drug use.



Advantages of hair testing

- provides information on a person's pattern of alcohol or drug use and does not record "one-off" or occasional use
- impossible to 'cheat' a hair test (except by using someone else's hair). Bleaching/dyeing of hair does not compromise testing given the unique washing process used by *Psychemedics*
- provides a longer history than urine testing for criminal and family law matters (around 3 to 4 months)
- excellent choice for pre-employment alcohol or drugs testing given the extended coverage, and useful in managing an employee who has previously submitted a positive test and is in a rehabilitation programme

What drugs can be tested for?

In a standard panel, samples may be collected that can be tested for around 23 drugs and their metabolites.

Marijuana THCA **Cocaine** Cocaine, Benzoyllecgonine, Cocaethylene & Norococaine

Opiates 6MAM (Heroin), Codeine, Morphine **Synthetic Opiates** Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone **PCP** PCP (Angel Dust)

Amphetamines Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, MDMA (Ecstasy), MDEA (Eve), D-AMP

Additional panels are available for:

Alcohol EtG
Benzodiazepines
Synthetic Cannabinoids

Hair Sample Collection

AWDTS provides nationally-accredited training in alcohol and drug testing to pathology firms, legal firms, medical practices and industry. We employ several forensic toxicologists, two of whom serve on Australian Standards committees.

AWDTS now provides suitably qualified collectors nationally in all capital cities and major regional centres. A trained collector will obtain the sample utilising the sample collection kit and then forward to us for analysis at *Psychemedics Corporation* forensic-accredited laboratory. Collectors are currently available in Brisbane, Gold and Sunshine Coasts. Appointments may usually be obtained within a week of booking.



Laboratory testing

Psychemedics Corporation laboratories use specialist instruments that examine the chemical structures of specific drugs. Because each drug has a unique structure, trained scientists can be certain that they are correctly reporting the presence of a specific drug.

Laboratory testing of hair for drugs involves several stages of sample preparation before final analysis. When a hair sample arrives at the laboratory, it is cut into sections. Each one centimetre (1/2 inch) of hair equates to about one month of growth. The hair is washed thoroughly to ensure there is no contamination on the outside. Each section is tested for the presence of drugs. The drug is then extracted and analysed.

Forensic hair testing

Hair testing provides information about long-term and chronic drug use, patterns of use and approximate time periods when drugs have been taken. The length of history of a person's alcohol or drug use is limited only to their hair length. Any drugs taken remain fixed in the hair as it grows out from the scalp, so the drugs stay within that piece of hair, even after death. The service we are offering requires a single 3.9 cm of hair (3 to 4month's growth) which will be analysed from a hair sample submitted for a range of drugs as below.

We utilise the services of *Psychemedics Corporation*, the pioneers of hair follicle drug testing and recommended by the *FBI* as being the US's top laboratory in this field. Specialist instrumentation is used to look at the chemical structure of specific drugs. It is the unique structure of each drug that ensures our scientists are correctly reporting the presence of a particular drug.

Appointment

Appointments may be made with Fiona or Amy on 1300 DRUG TEST (1300 37 84 83), or +61 7 5572 4008 or info@awdts.com.au . Clinics operate 0800-1700 Monday to Friday.

At the time of **booking** an appointment we require the donor's:

- 1 Name
- 2 Date of Birth
- 3 Address
- 4 Mobile telephone contact
- 5 Credit Card Payment Details for pre-payment

At the **appointment** we require:

- 1 Donor ID (Driver's Licence or Passport)
- 2 Any relevant employment or legal documentation/Family Court Orders

The collection process takes approximately 20 minutes.

Reporting Results

Laboratory results are reported electronically. A hair test result is available in one to two weeks post sample collection. Results are reported only to the person nominated to receive the results. The report details whether the alcohol or drugs listed above were detected or not.

Costs (as at September 2017)

We have made a major breakthrough with costs. Tests had been costing around \$800 until recently.

501 Standard panel drug test/report for single segment - 3-4-month history:

(Covers collection, air freight, laboratory costs and a short report detailing drugs tested and anything detected) \$300 (Excl GST)

501+B Standard panel + Benzos drug test/report for single segment - 3-4-month history:

(Covers collection, air freight, laboratory costs and a short report detailing drugs tested and anything detected) \$350 (Excl GST)

Hair Alcohol EtG test/report for single segment - 3-4-month history:

(Covers collection, air freight, laboratory costs and a short report detailing drugs tested and anything detected) \$300 (Excl GST)

Additional Reporting (if required for Court) Hourly rate \$330 (Excl GST)

(Dr Michael Robertson, one of Australia's leading forensic hair follicle drug testing experts is available for written opinion or as an expert witness).



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