# **Any Lab Test Now**

## **DRUG TEST, 10 PANEL (HAIR FOLLICLE)**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Standard drug testing measures drug by-products in the urine which move through the body quickly and for most drugs are no longer measurable after 1 month. Drugs are deposited in the hair shaft through absorption into the hair follicle. Testing is conducted on the hair shaft which prevents external contamination on the outside of the hair that may occur during accidental exposure, such as being in the same vicinity as someone using drugs. Traces of drugs will remain in the hair longer than in the urine or the blood providing a much longer detection window. Most often a 90 day detection window is requested for hair follicle drug tests.

#### WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

Are you looking for possible drug use by a loved one or employee over a long period of time? Is the test subject uncomfortable giving a urine sample or having blood drawn?

The 10 Panel Drug Test using hair detects drug use of the 10 most popular drugs of abuse within the previous 1 to 3 months. Because hair cannot be tampered with, the hair follicle drug test ensures accurate results that are non-invasive. The detection window is affected by the length of the hair which varies from person to person.

Hair follicle drug testing is a convenient, non-invasive, extremely accurate method of drug testing for common illicit drugs. Small sections of hair are cut from several inconspicuous places on the head. Body hair can also be used but the detection window is less predictable for body hair.

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