Minnesota Monitoring Drug Testing

Minnesota Monitoring offers various drug testing programs and technologies to counties, agencies, companies, programs, and schools throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota Monitoring offers urinalysis, many laboratory testing options, ETG testing, hair testing, and the sweat patch.

Minnesota Monitoring can test at one of our various locations or can set up an onsite testing program. Our main office in New Hope is open and available 24/7, 365 days per year.

For onsite testing programs Minnesota Monitoring proposes to have staff on-site and available one to two times per week or more if the program is large. The times, days, and randomness can be set up specific to the county or agency to meet specific needs and based on client testing numbers. It is Minnesota Monitoring’s goal to service the county with the drug testing needs to its complete satisfaction, including but not limited to, providing staff to test on-site when most needed and preferred and establishing the testing required to meet the needs of the program.

Minnesota Monitoring offers many advantages including; testing in a timeframe that doesn't allow for adulterants to take effect, shipping samples the same day so as to keep samples integrity intact, and following rigid protocol for viewing to ensure you are only testing a sample directly viewed from the donor. MMI also has strict guidelines for the products it chooses to use. Minnesota Monitoring has thoroughly tried and tested many products and labs. Because we don’t manufacture our own product or maintain our own lab, we are not stuck offering only one solution to your testing and product needs. We will always ensure that we are providing the best that the industry has to offer at any given time. In conjunction, we work closely with the lab directors and toxicologists consistently reviewing testing options/procedures and type of testing for all types of situations.
Urinalysis

Minnesota Monitoring suggests using the 5 panel split key cup for initial immunoassay technology screening. However, MMI can offer ANY panel cup desired. It can be customized specific to the customer’s needs. Most often county probation uses the 5 panel, however, others have utilized a 10 or 12 panel cup.

The benefit of the split key cup is that is separates the sample into two parts. One is used for the on-site instant test to determine if the sample is negative or non-negative and a secondary portion (that has not been subject to any possible contaminate) and can be forwarded for confirmation testing. MMI uses Sterling laboratory for confirmation using Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) technology testing. Although MMI has been very satisfied with the instant device we offer, we have the ability to offer the county any device. We work with our county customers to determine the best testing option.

The 5 panel cup tests for THC, Cocaine, Amphetamines, Methamphetamines, and morphine based opiates.

In addition to the instant device MMI can also collect and forward samples to the laboratory for a wide variety of testing options. Whether it is synthetic drugs, bath salts, or something else, MMI has a lab test available to test for it.

Minnesota Monitoring offers both random and on-demand testing and will customize the programming for each customer in order to meet their specific needs.
Testing Cup

The Split key cup used by Minnesota Monitoring has many advantages.

The Integrated E-Z Split Key Cup has a two-chamber design and a hinged, leak-proof lid so the collector never has to come into contact with the specimen. The design prevents donor manipulation. The first chamber holds the collected specimen where it cannot be affected by the test strips. With the push of a button, the collector fills the second chamber to expose the urine to the test strips; leaving a portion of the urine in the first chamber to maintain specimen integrity should lab confirmation be required. Results are easy to read and laboratory accurate. An oval-shaped front and a squared back make the cup easy to use for both genders. This tamperproof, no-mess, user-friendly instant drug testing device provides a qualitative immunoassay test.
Hair Testing

Minnesota Monitoring also offers testing for drugs of abuse. Hair testing offers a 5-panel, 7 panel, 13 panel and 18 panel drug hair test for drug detection. The hair test uses state of the art technology (GCMS) to detect many different drugs. The most common is the 5 panel test which looks for THC, cocaine, amphetamines (including Ecstasy), opiates, and PCP in the hair follicles. Hair testing routinely detects drug use from the past 60-90 days and is the most effective tool available for drug screening. Hair testing get its biggest advantage from the fact the hair strand becomes a permanent record of drug use whereas urine is quickly removed from the body.

The hair test is easily administered and is non-intrusive. The collector will cut a sample of approximately 120 strands of hair from the head (although body hair can be used) in the presence of the donor, the sample is then sealed in a collection envelope and then sealed again in a plastic security bag. The sample is then sent to our laboratory and results are generally rendered within 24-72 hours.
ETG

MMI also offers a urine based test for alcohol called the Ethyl Glucuronide test or otherwise known as an ETG test which is a urine alcohol test that has a detection window of roughly 80 hours for alcohol consumption. ETGs have an advantage over the breath alcohol test due to the duration of the detection window. Breath alcohol can dissipate within hours whereas the ETG can still detect alcohol for up to a few days.

**Ethyl glucuronide**

Ethyl glucuronide is a metabolite of ethanol which is formed in the body by glucuronidation following exposure to ethanol, usually from drinking alcoholic beverages. It is used as a biomarker to test for ethanol use and to monitor alcohol abstinence in situations where drinking is prohibited, such as a probationer, by the military, in alcohol treatment programs, in professional monitoring programs, in schools, liver transplant clinics, or in recovering alcoholic patients. In addition to its use to monitor abstinence and detect drinking.
PharmChek Drugs of Abuse Patch

The PharmChek® drugs of abuse sweat patches provides an alternative to urine collection and offers a number of advantages. Because the sweat patch is worn on the skin for up to 7 - 14 days, it not only acts as a deterrent to continued drug use, but also increases the window of detection to include any period when it is worn. Therefore, it is easier to identify which drug was actually taken. The following are the advantages of the PharmChek® drugs of abuse sweat patch:

- Increased window of detection
- Acts as a deterrent to drug abuse
- Detects Parent Drug and Drug Metabolites
- Variable Removal Date
- Quick Application & Removal
- No Urine Collections
- No Sample Substitution
- No Sample Dilution