

Field guide for assessing acceptable saliva samples

Acceptable Samples are
Clear to Cloudy



Examples of Unacceptable
Saliva Sample Colors

Mucus



Coffee



Blood



Mouthwash



**This is what an A+
sample looks like:**

- Clear drool
- Correct volume (1 to 1.5 mL)
- Cap is on tight



Examples of samples that should not be accepted:

Discoloration



Thick
mucus



A glob of
mucus



Particulates



Wrong
volume



Leaky
tube

