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MIDNIGHT SALIVARY FREE CORTISOL

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water and discard. **Do not** swallow.
- 2. Hold the Salivette at the rim of the suspended insert and remove the stopper.
- 3. Remove the swab.
- 4. Place the swab under the tongue until well saturated approximately 30 seconds to one minute.
- 5. Return the saturated swab to the suspended insert and close the Salivette firmly with the stopper.
- 6. **Do not** remove the tube holding the insert. The Salivette should be sent to the lab with the swab inside.
- 7. Label the Salivette with the Patient Name, Date and Time of Collection, and any other identifying information.

PRECAUTIONS:

- 1. Saliva should be collected at the time prescribed by the Doctor.
- 2. No food or fluids for 30 minutes prior to collection
- 3. **Do not** use any creams, lotions, or steroid inhalers immediately prior to collection.
- 4. Avoid any activity that can cause your gums to bleed, including brushing and flossing your teeth. Consult with the Doctor if this is a chronic problem.
- 5. **Do not** use this kit on children under 3 years of age or any patient with an increased risk of swallowing or choking.

MINIMUM VOLUME:

0.2 mL saliva

SPECIMEN STABILITY:

Store at room temperature for up to 5 days