

IDAHO STATE POLICE

Forensic Services



RE: Modifications to Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits

February 2, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to notify you that the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits (“SAECKs”) included in this shipment (Lot No: 38557) have been modified as compared to previous lots of SAECKs.

The most significant change that will impact the collection of SAECKs is that a purple-topped blood vial is no longer provided because a liquid blood sample is no longer to be collected as part of the SAECK. Instead a lancet and “DNA BLOOD STAIN CARD” are now provided in the “KNOWN BLOOD SAMPLE” envelope so that a dried bloodstain can be collected for use as the DNA reference sample. The instructions inside the SAECK have also been updated to reflect this change. ISPFs has received feedback that liquid blood draws are invasive and are not the desired mechanism for obtaining a blood sample to be used as the DNA reference sample. The collection of bloodstains via finger stick is a much less invasive method that should alleviate this concern. This modification will also alleviate the issue of the purple-topped blood vial expiring and will assist law enforcement with long-term storage of SAECKs in compliance with legislatively mandated retention requirements.

There have also been minor modifications made to the “Patient Information and Sexual Assault History Form” included in the SAECK. These changes have been made following feedback from practitioners and should help ensure necessary information is conveyed to the ISPFs laboratory.

Other than that you may notice some slight cosmetic changes to the outside of the SAECK box. For example, the “Evidence Seal Here” indicators are now offset from the finger tabs at the center of the box to avoid the evidence tape being torn by sharp edges.

If you have any questions related to the modifications to the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 884-7173 or darren.wright@isp.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darren Wright'.

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