



Oral Fluid Drug Testing in DUI/D Cases

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Location: Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019
Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Workshop Chair: Curt E. Harper, Ph.D., Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences

Speakers:

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Target Audience: Forensic personnel at all levels of experience.

Abstract:

Oral Fluid (OF) drug testing is a valuable tool in the detection of drugged drivers and improving highway safety. The benefits of OF drug testing include the presence of active, parent drug likely reflecting recent use, high concentration of most drugs in oral fluid compared to blood, the availability and use of roadside screening devices at the time of the traffic stop or crash, and the rapid, non-invasive nature of the test that does not require medical professionals. Multiple studies have shown oral fluid testing via roadside screening devices and evidentiary confirmation laboratory methods to be reliable and valid. This workshop will explore the following learning objectives in depth:

1. Demonstrate the utility and advantages of OF drug testing in DUI/D cases
2. Explain difference between roadside OF drug screening for probable cause and laboratory OF evidentiary confirmation testing
3. Answer frequently asked questions pertaining to OF drug testing
4. Highlight OF publications and pilot studies conducted in US and abroad
5. Show an example of how to implement a statewide OF drug testing program
6. Discuss the detection of Novel Psychoactive Substances in OF
7. Cover policy and legal considerations for OF drug testing
8. Illustrate a mock court case involving OF drug testing in a DUI/D case

Course Specifics: The course fee includes registration, all course materials, attendance certificate, and breaks. Attendees will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses.