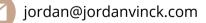
Your HTMA Test Kit Prep Guide

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Overview of Hair Sample Kit

What's included in my sample kit?

In your kit you will find: 1 Small envelope to put the hair sample in 1 Standard Envelope addressed to Trace Elements 1 Trace Elements Form Hair Collection Instructions Sheet

How much hair does the test require?

The lab requires about 1 teaspoon of hair to be sent in. You only send in the first ¹/₂ inch of hair growth closest to the root, and discard the rest.

Why? The first ½ inch is what typically grew over the past 2-3 months and provides the most recent, cumulative information about the body.

To make sure you're submitting enough hair, use an actual teaspoon and ensure that its filled completely.



1 inch sample = closest to root

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Lab Submission Form

Below is the form you will need to fill out and send in with your hair sample to the lab.

Please fill out all the highlighted areas and be sure to date at the bottom.

Any questions filling this out, please let me know!

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Hair Sample Collection Instructions

Considerations:

- Hair should be free of dye, bleach, and/or hair products. If you have recently dyed your hair, please wait a
 minimum of 3 weeks before collection or make sure hair has been washed at least 8-10 times. It is ideal to
 wait until the root has grown out and the hair sample is only untreated hair.
- If you use Head and Shoulders, Selsun Blue, or any other anti-dandruff shampoo, please discontinue for 2 weeks prior to collection and note this on your submission form. If it is impossible to temporarily stop, please make sure to indicate use on the submission form.
- Please avoid the use of public pools for at least one week prior to collection.
- Scalp hair should be used whenever possible.
- If you are bald, you may use armpit, chest, or beard hair. Please notify your practitioner if you will be using something other than scalp hair and follow the directions below closely to avoid contamination from sweat.
- Ask a friend or family member to help take your hair sample, do not try to do it alone!

Day of Collection:

- Shampoo and condition hair preferably using a clarifying shampoo, but normal shampoo is fine.
- While still in the shower, rinse hair thoroughly with distilled or purified water.
- Collect hair sample 4-6 hours after washing, preferably air dried.
- Please ensure you do not sweat at all after washing your hair and prior to taking the hair sample.
- Take very small sections of hair from 3-4 locations at the base of the skull and cut as close to the scalp as
 possible.
- Trim the hair sample to only include 1/2 1 inch from the root. Discard the remainder of the hair.
- To measure the amount of hair, either fill up a teaspoon or use a kitchen scale and ensure it weighs at least 125 mg (0.125 g). It is important to send in enough hair, or else the sample will be rejected.

To Mail Your Sample to the Lab:

- Materials Needed:
 - 1 Printed Form, with all of the highlighted sections filled out
 - 2 Envelopes
- Add your hair sample to one envelope. Write your first and last name, account number (found on form), and shampoo on the front. Do not use any tape, aluminum foil, or staples for containing the hair. The hair sample will be loose inside the envelope. Seal the envelope.
- Place the sealed hair sample envelope inside the second envelope. Add the filled out Trace Elements form.
- Send to the lab:
 - Trace Elements
 - P.O. Box 514
 - Addison, TX 75001-0514
- The envelope can be sent directly from your personal mailbox using one stamp.
- Notify your HTMA practitioner when you have placed your sample in the mail! The typical turnaround time is 2-3 weeks from when the lab receives your sample.

Will taking the hair sample leave a bald spot?

Not if you do it right!

- 1 Make sure to ask a friend or partner to help take the hair sample! Do not attempt to do this yourself!
- 2 Make sure to get small snips of hair from multiple places from the back of the skull. Do not take a sample from the crown or front of the head, and definitely do not take it all from one place.

What if I dye my hair?

The lab technically says that you will need to wait until there is enough hair growth for the sample to not contain any hair dye.

But other HTMA practitioners have found that as long as you have washed their hair 8-10 times in the shower, that the hair dye does not affect the results.

Can I blow dry my hair?

No, air drying is preferable. When the hair is blow-dried, there is a higher chance of sweating and the sample being contaminated with extra sodium.

Speaking of sodium contamination, I do not recommend washing your hair, sleeping on it, and then taking a hair sample in the morning. Many people unknowingly sweat in the night.

