Dear Patient,

Please find enclosed your **Hereditary Cancer Testing Saliva Kit** to help determine if have an inherited genetic susceptibility to developing cancer and therefore, if you have an increased risk of developing cancer in your lifetime.

The only genes to be tested will be the cancer susceptibility genes listed on the hereditary cancer susceptibility gene panel that has been recommended for you.

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| A close-up of a needle  Description automatically generated**This kit contains****Name:****DOB:****Sample Date:****123456789** | A red rectangular object on a white surface  Description automatically generated |  |
| 1 x Saliva Sample Pack, containing Saliva Tube, Sample Collection Instructions.Affixed to the Saliva Tube is a Unique Barcode Label and Patient Identifier Label | 1 x Tamper-proof Seal | 1 x Mailing Pouch |

**Instructions**

This kit contains the relevant components to perform a self-sample saliva collection prior to returning the sample to the laboratory for testing.

Before taking the sample

* Do **NOT** eat, drink, smoke or chew gum for 30 minutes prior to providing the sample.
* Do **NOT** remove the plastic film from the funnel lid.
* **Write your first and last name, date of birth and sample date on the clearly marked Patient Identifier Label provided**. Please be careful not to write over the barcode. **Your sample may be at risk of rejection if we cannot identify who the sample belongs to.**

Sampling Instructions

1. Please follow the Sample Instructions provided with the saliva collection pack carefully

After sampling

1. After sampling, securely close the saliva tube containing the sample, using the integrated cap.
2. Place the labelled tube in the leakproof sample mailing pouch. **Do not remove the absorbent strip**. Seal the pouch by removing the peelable strip and pressing firmly on the adhesive area.
3. Place the sealed pouch, containing the tube, in the outer rigid cardboard box.
4. Seal the cardboard box with the Tamper-proof Seal. Ensure the prepaid return address and UN3373 label are both clearly visible.
5. Keep the sample at **room temperature** prior to posting. Post as soon as possible via Royal Mail, at a post box or your local Post Office branch.
6. Please make a note of your tracking and barcode for reference, indicated by the purple arrow below:

**Sampling Details**

Please record the following details below:

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| Sample Barcode |  |
| Sample Collection Date |  |
| Tracking Reference Number |  |

**Checklist**

Please check that you have:

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|  | Added your name, date of birth and sample date to the tube |
|  | Sealed the box without covering any labels |
|  | Made a note of your tracking and sample barcode.  |

Now you are ready to post your sample. Thank you for following our instructions.

For any queries relating to your sample, please contact our laboratory directly via email using **testing@nonacus.com** quoting your Sample Barcode and Tracking Reference Number.

Best wishes,

**The Nonacus Clinical Services Team**