

New SAEC Kit Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Who is the distributor for the new Ohio kits?

a. TRITECHFORENSCS

To place an order

Sales/Customer Service

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2. What are the new changes in the kit?

- a. On step 3, page 1 the question about areas that were kissed, licked or bitten should be documented in the patient narrative of the assault history (step 3, page 2). Also on step 3 page 1 there is a question regarding strangulation. Step 3, pages 3 and 4 the images have been respaced to allow for documentation.
- b. The swab boxes are no longer pre-labeled with the location of the requested swab. It is important for your staff to know that they **must document where the swab was collected and place the swab into the correct envelope.**
- c. The swab box no longer asks for date and time of specimen collection. It only requests collector initials and location of the swabbed specimen.
- d. Step 7, the fingernail swabbings/cutting no longer contains a manicure stick. The fingernails only need be swabbed.
- e. Step 8, the underwear collection bag does not need to be sealed shut with an evidence label because it is going into the kit which will itself be sealed
- f. Step 9, clothing collection bags are larger and thicker. The bags are also of varying sizes.
- g. Step 10, there are supplies for six (6) different swabbed specimens. All six boxes/specimens can go in the same envelope. This step **each location swabbed must be marked on the box. Ensure that you are**

placing the correct swab in the correct box. Boxes do not need to be secured with tape or a patient label/sticker.

- h. The employee ID number of the individual who compiled the kit is included in the kit
 - i. Blue FDA insert is included because it contains information on intended use and expiration information.
 - j. Five evidence labels, one for each clothing bag step 9 (except underwear step 8), and 2 for the box
3. Why is there only the consent form for the named kit? Are we no longer collecting un-named (anonymous) kits?
 - a. The kit includes the consent for the named kit because this is the first choice and the preferred option for the majority of patients. If the patient requests an unnamed kit, the unnamed consent form can be pulled from the Ohio Department of Health's website (<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/sadv/sadv.aspx>). This was done to reduce the amount of paper waste.
4. Where is step 2 the medical history form?
 - a. Step two is typically information that is found within the medical record and is not necessary for evidence collection per se, but may be useful in description of patient behavior, medical needs that may need to be addressed prior to the evidence collection portion of the medical forensic exam.
5. The swab box or slide holder does not need a patient name/identifier?
 - a. The swab box is only requesting that location of specimen collection and the collector's initials be documented. The swab boxes do not need to be sealed with a patient label or tape. The box only needs to be closed at the closers.
6. What if I put a patient name/identifier on the swab box/slide holder?
 - a. There is no penalty for documenting the patient name or the patient identifier on the swab box. If you uncomfortable with not placing the patient name/identifier on the swab box then BCI&I ask that you

use a pen or a sharpie marker. **Patient labels/stickers should not be used.** The crime lab has occasionally been injured using scissors or a razor to open boxes and slide holders that have been sealed by patient labels/stickers or tape.

7. Why is there a “packer number” in the kit?
 - a. The employee packer number has been included to assist with quality assurance. TrittechForensics is asking that you use that number when calling about issues or concerns regarding a kit. An example may if the contents in the kit are damaged, torn or missing.

8. Who do I contact if I have concerns with a kit?
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