**Measurement of Maternal Life Experience Study**

**Saliva Processing Protocol**

**Saliva Processing Instructions:**

* Follow Universal precautions when handling samples
* Affix aliquot labels to 2.0ml cryovials.
* Spin saliva tubes at 2000g (3100 rpm) for 15 minutes.
* Remove salivette from inside tube and discard.
* Transfer 1.5ml of saliva (or whatever amount was collected) into a 2.0ml cryovial, DO NOT OVER FILL, expansion room is needed when freezing sample. Cap vial with clear cryovial cap.
* Log all collected samples onto the MOM-le Study Saliva Specimen Log.
* Specimen volumes less than 500ul must be documented on the Saliva Specimen Log.

**Saliva Tubes Storage Instructions:**

* Label the cardboard box on the OUTSIDE with the study code and box #.
* Store aliquots at -80ᵒC or -70ᵒC and place in cardboard storage box.

**Saliva Tubes Shipping Instructions:**

At the end of the study, send full saliva sample boxes on dry ice with copies of Saliva Specimen Log to:

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\*\*\*Please contact Dr. Zaldivar in advance to arrange shipping