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PREFACE

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This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (September 2020). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to ensure that the detection of drugs in oral fluid meets the expectations for testing of specimens for applications such as workplace, medico-legal, or court-directed purposes. This Standard is not intended for clinical use or for drug exposure detection in sport, but it may be used if deemed relevant. This Standard addresses procedures for the collection of oral fluid, on-site drug testing, handling and dispatch of specimens to the laboratory for screening tests (if applicable) and confirmatory testing.

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