



	<p>2. Once collected, cut the sponge into the blue base of the Oragene kit as follows. Place the sponge firmly against the bottom of the kit between the tooth and the kit wall (see picture below). This action will ensure that the sponge tip remains in the container during the cutting action. Using the scissors provided, cut the narrow part of the handle just above the sponge.</p> <p>Recycle/discard the plastic handle. If only one saliva sponge sample is to be collected, proceed to step 4.</p>
<p>3. For the collection of up to 5 saliva sponge samples from the same child, repeat steps 1 and 2. Follow the sequence shown in the diagram below. A rest period of about 5 min between each collection of 2 sponges is helpful. To prevent the saliva samples from drying out, cap the vial (see step 4) within 15 min of the first collection. If you have not had a chance to collect all 5 sponges within 15 minutes, you may carefully re-open the kit. If you remove the cap be sure that the inside is facing upwards when putting it on any surface. Do not spill the contents.</p> <p>Follow these steps for collecting multiple sponges:</p>	
	<p>4. Carefully cap the kit and tighten it firmly. Once the Oragene liquid is released from the cap, it will preserve the DNA collected by the sponge(s).</p>
	<p>5. Invert gently 5 times to mix the sample.</p> <p>6. If the scissors are to be re-used, they should be rinsed with tap water and wiped dry between donors.</p>