

STACS-DB REMOTE COLLECTION MODULE: YOUR SAMPLE COLLECTION ASSISTANT

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States are continuously enacting new and changing laws that define when a CODIS sample can be collected and for what violations. Due to these changes, more agencies are involved with offender collection and more samples are being submitted. Without improved communication between the laboratory and the agencies, the changes increase confusion over which individuals need to have a sample collected. Dealing with interagency communications can be daunting when these hurdles are added to the numerous issues laboratories already encounter with convicted offender and arrestee sample submissions: missing information, duplicate submissions, non-qualifying violations and illegible information.

STACS DNA has developed a STACS-DB Remote Collection Module (RCM) to be your Sample Collection Assistant. The RCM ensures collecting agencies provide the laboratory with only the samples they need and the laboratory can easily provide important information to the agency through the RCM banner functionality. The RCM is a web interface allowing the collecting agency to type offender information and/or access the state's Criminal History Database, eliminating handwritten illegible submissions and missing or incorrect data. The RCM ensures that the sample is collected for a qualifying offense and that the laboratory doesn't already have a sample. The RCM restricts the collecting agency from submitting the sample if all required fields are not entered. Finally, since all of the information entered at the remote sites is transmitted into STACS-DB, the laboratory staff can focus on processing the samples instead of entering data.

Visit our poster to learn more about the STACS-DB Remote Collection Module.