

# Taking Pooled Water Samples

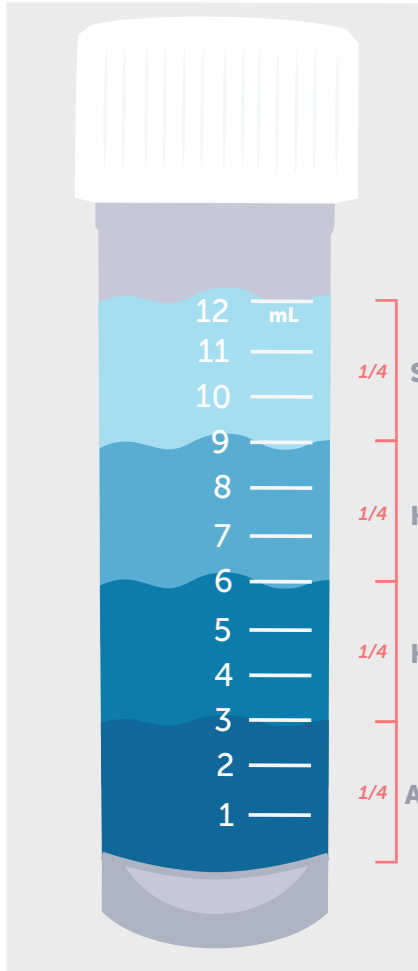


Pooled or combined water samples are a cost-effective way to test the dental unit water quality coming out of your unit. Test every waterline in your unit (air-water syringe, high and low-speed handpieces, scalars, etc.) to most accurately test each unit. Your results will show the average bacteria count for all waterlines in that unit.

## When to Test Your Dental Unit Waterlines:

- > Test your waterlines every month. Once passing results are consistent, test quarterly at a minimum.
- > Test your waterlines after completing any remedial action to ensure effectiveness
- > Test following any changes to your treatment protocol, equipment, source water, or plumbing.

WATER TEST KIT SAMPLE VIAL



**1.** Determine the number of active waterlines on your dental unit that you will sample.

**2.** Based on that number, sample an equal amount of water from each device into the sample vial. For example, if you have 4 waterlines, fill the vial with 4 equal parts from each waterline (or 1/4 of the vial for each waterline). See figure for example.

*NOTE: Do not combine a sample from source water with samples from dental units / devices. Always test source water separately.*

**3.** Screw the cap on tightly. On the submission form, circle **Pooled/Combined** under the Device Section on the corresponding row with the vial number.

TEST KIT SUBMISSION FORM



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