CLAIMS

1. An assembly for sampling bodily fluid, the assembly ~~including~~ comprising a membrane penetration device comprising a membrane penetrating element for penetrating a bodily membrane to release a bodily fluid; and a collector, the membrane penetrating element and the collector being separate elements, ~~having a first position in which it~~characterized in that the collector is configured to adopt a collection position to ~~receive a bodily fluid and retain~~take up a sample of the released bodily fluid ~~in the collector for~~and a delivery position~~, the collector being movable relative to said assembly into a second position~~ to deliver the sample to a test element, in that the collector is configured to move between the collection position and the delivery position, and in that the assembly is configured such that movement of the collector between the collection position and the delivery position is controlled.

2. An assembly according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the collector is adapted to retain a ~~specific~~ predetermined sample volume.

3. ~~—~~An assembly according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the collector ~~will only accept the specific sample volume in said first position, and is adapted to deliver the specific sample volume to said test element in said second position~~is configured to take up the sample from a released bodily fluid by capillary action.

4. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector comprises a tube including a ventilation aperture.

5. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the tube includes a collection opening and a discharge opening, and the ventilation opening is a longitudinal slot extending from the collection opening to the discharge opening.

~~4~~6. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector is adapted~~,~~ in ~~said second~~the delivery position~~,~~ to deliver ~~said~~ the sample to a specific~~,~~ ~~point~~ predefined position on ~~said~~ a test element.

~~5. An assembly according to claim 4, wherein said test element includes a first location for deposit of said sample, and a second location at which a test result is indicated, said collector being adapted in said second position to deliver said sample to said first location.~~

~~6. An assembly according to claim l, wherein the collector is configured to draw up the sample from a released bodily fluid by capillary action.~~

~~7. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector includes a vent opening.~~

~~8. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector includes a generally tubular body with an opening at either end, and a longitudinal slot extending between the openings and through the tubular body.~~

~~9. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector is generally tubular and extends between an collection opening and a release opening, and is tapered toward the collection opening.~~

~~10. An assembly according to claim 7, wherein the internal surface of the collector is raked toward the opening.~~

~~11~~7. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector is operatively adapted to move from said first position to said second position by one or more of ~~–~~pivoting, sliding, rotating or translating.

~~12. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the assembly further includes a penetration device for operatively penetrating a bodily membrane to release the bodily fluid, wherein the collector is inhibited from moving into the second position until after the penetration device has been actuated.~~

~~13. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the collector comprises at least one collection opening for uptake of the released fluid, the assembly further comprising a cover configured to cover the collection opening.~~

~~14~~8. An assembly according to ~~claim 13~~any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ~~cover~~ collector is inhibited from moving into ~~blocks the collection opening in~~ the second position until after the membrane penetration device has been actuated.

~~15~~9. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the rate of movement of the collector between the first position and the second position is controlled.

~~16. An assembly according to claim 7, wherein the vent opening is independent from the collection opening.~~

~~17~~10. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, further including a retainer adapted to retain the collector.

~~18~~11. An assembly according to claim ~~16~~10, wherein the retainer is selected from the group comprising a clip engaged with the assembly, a pivotable engagement, and a cavity.

12. An assembly according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the assembly further includes buffer delivery means.

~~19. A method for testing a sample of bodily fluid, including the steps of:~~

~~Providing a testing assembling, including at least a collector, and a test element;~~

~~Causing a bodily fluid to be released;~~

~~With said collector in a first position, receiving a sample of said bodily fluid into said collector;~~

~~Moving said collector to a second position, so that said collector is able to transfer the sample to said test element.~~

~~20. A method according to claim 19, wherein the collector retains only a specific sample volume, and transfer the specific sample volume to said test element.~~