

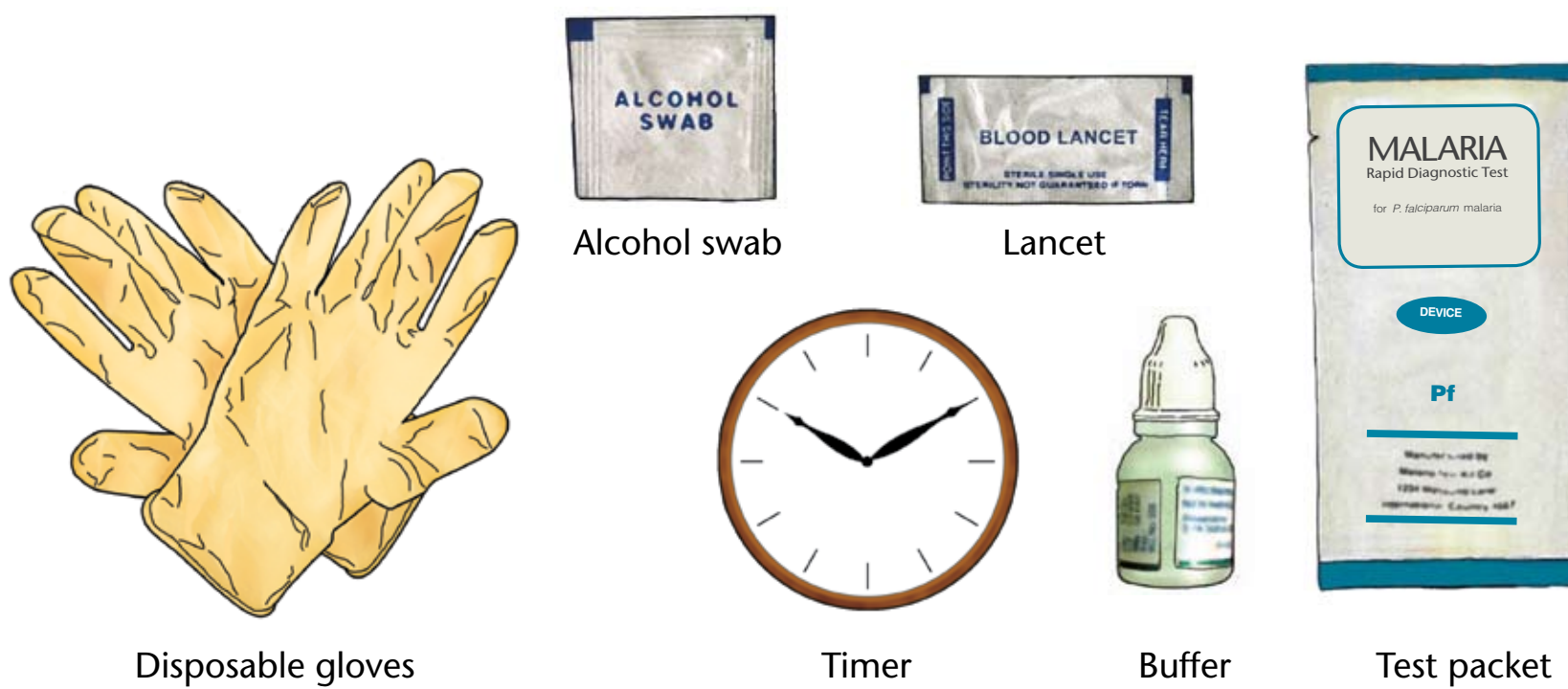
How To Do the Rapid Test for Malaria

Modified for training in the use of the **Generic Pf Test** for falciparum malaria



Collect:

- NEW unopened** test packet
- NEW unopened** alcohol swab
- NEW unopened** lancet
- NEW** pair of disposable gloves
- Buffer
- Timer



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN.

1. Check the expiry date on the test packet.

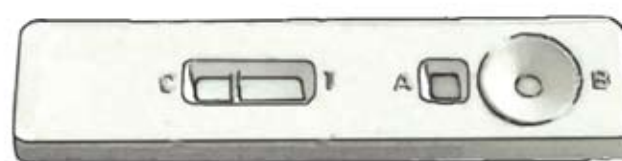


Expiry date

2. Put on the gloves. Use new gloves for each patient



3. Open the packet and remove:



- Test
- Capillary tube
- Desiccant sachet

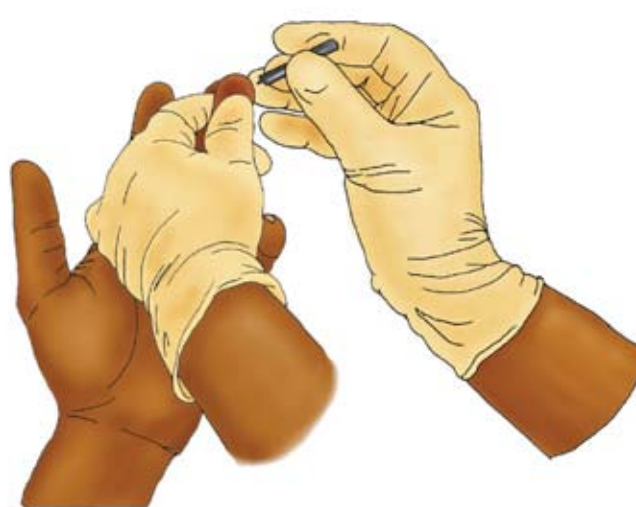
4. Write the patient's name on the test.



5. Open the alcohol swab. Grasp the 4th finger on the patient's left hand. Clean the finger with the alcohol swab. Allow the finger to dry before pricking.



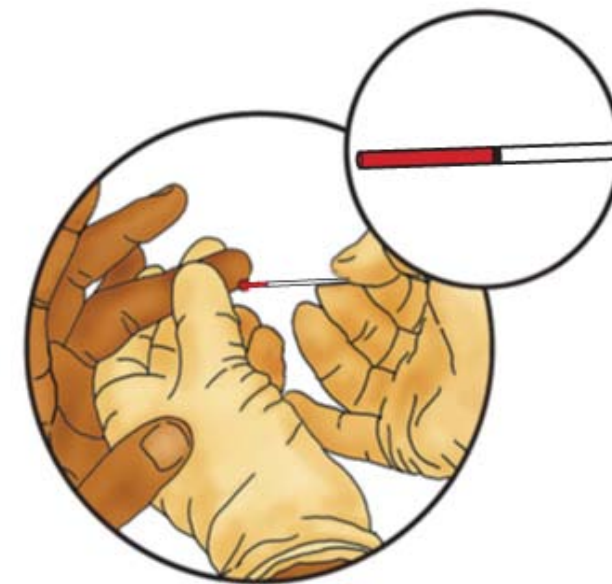
6. Open the lancet. Prick patient's finger to get a drop of blood.



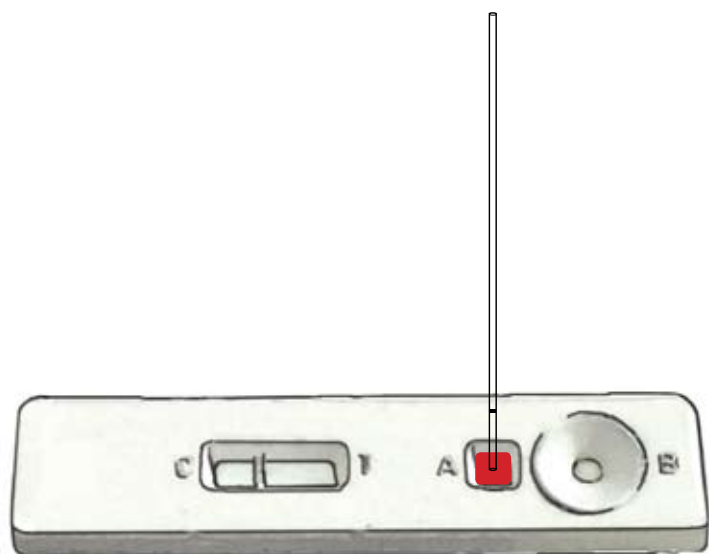
7. Discard the lancet in the Sharps Box immediately after pricking finger. **Do not set the lancet down before discarding it.**



8. Use the capillary tube to collect the drop of blood.



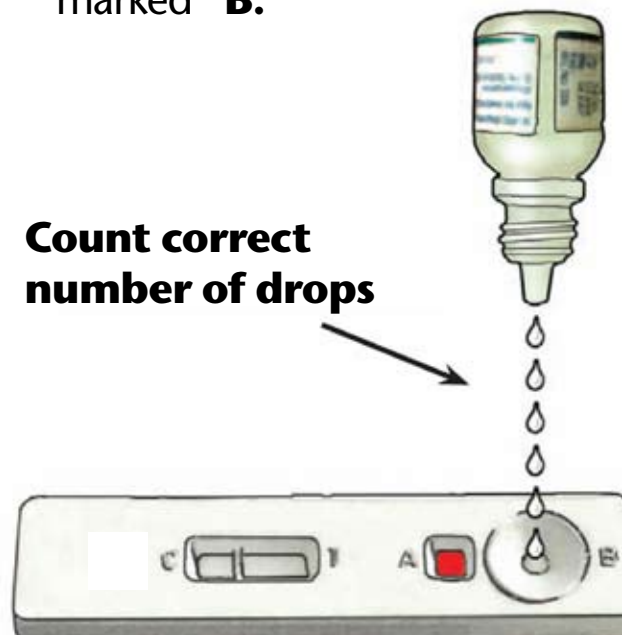
9. Use the capillary tube to put the drop of blood into the square hole marked "A."



10. Discard the capillary tube in the Sharps Box.



11. Add buffer into the round hole marked "B."



Count correct number of drops

12. Wait **15 minutes** after adding buffer.

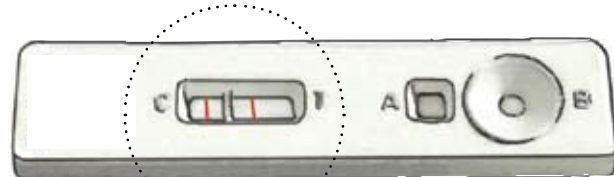


13. Read test results. **(NOTE: Do Not** read the test sooner than **15 minutes** after adding the buffer. You may get **FALSE** results.)

14. How to read the test results:

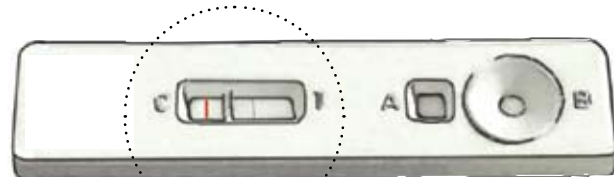
POSITIVE

A line near letter "C" and a line near letter "T" means the patient is **POSITIVE** for malaria.



P. falciparum

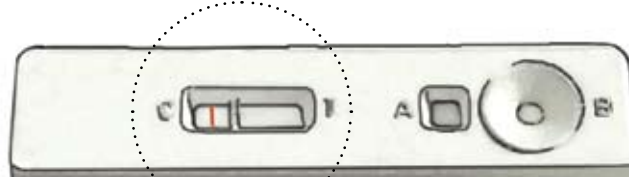
The test is **positive** even if the line near "T" is **faint**.)



P. falciparum (faint +)

NEGATIVE

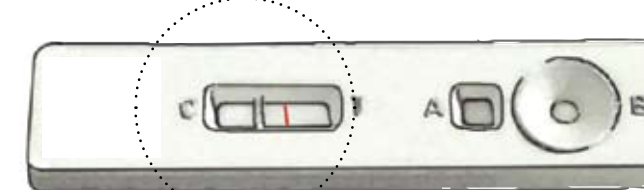
A line near letter "C" and **NO LINE** near letter "T" means the patient **DOES NOT** have malaria.



Negative

INVALID RESULT

NO LINE near letter "C" and one or no line near letter "T" means the test is **INVALID**.



Repeat the test using a new RDT if no control line appears.

If no line appears near the letter "C," repeat the test using a **NEW unopened** test packet and a **NEW unopened** lancet.

15. Dispose of the gloves, alcohol swab, desiccant sachet and packaging in a non-sharps waste container.



16. Record the test results in your CHW register. Dispose of cassette in non-sharps waste container



NOTE: Each test can be used **ONLY ONE TIME**. Do not try to use the test more than once.

