

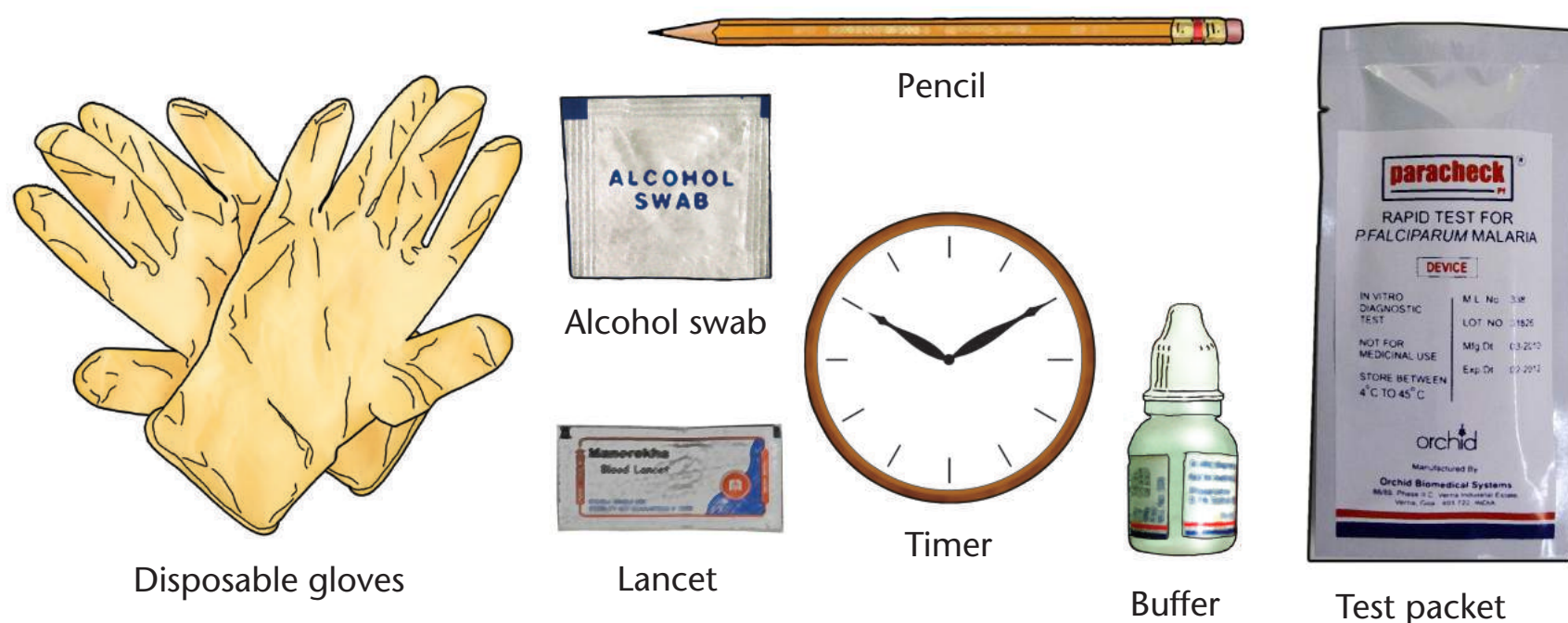
How To Do the Rapid Test for Malaria

Modified for training in the use of the **Paracheck Pf Device Rapid Test** for *P. falciparum* Malaria (Ver. 3) (30301025)



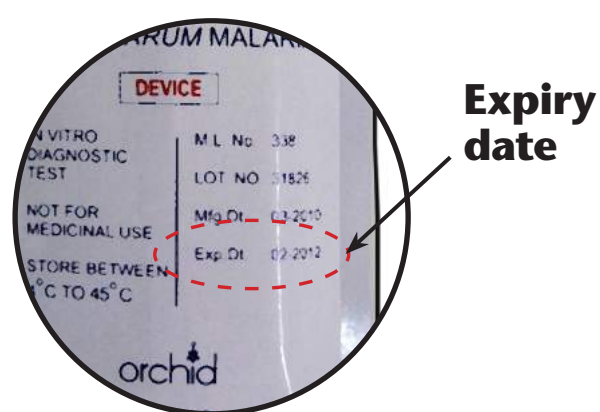
Collect:

- NEW unopened** test packet
- NEW unopened** alcohol swab
- NEW unopened** lancet
- NEW** pair of disposable gloves
- Buffer
- Timer
- Sharps box
- Pencil or pen



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
- Loop
- 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. Do not allow the tip of the lancet to touch anything before pricking the patient's finger.



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



- 8.** Use the loop to collect the drop of blood.



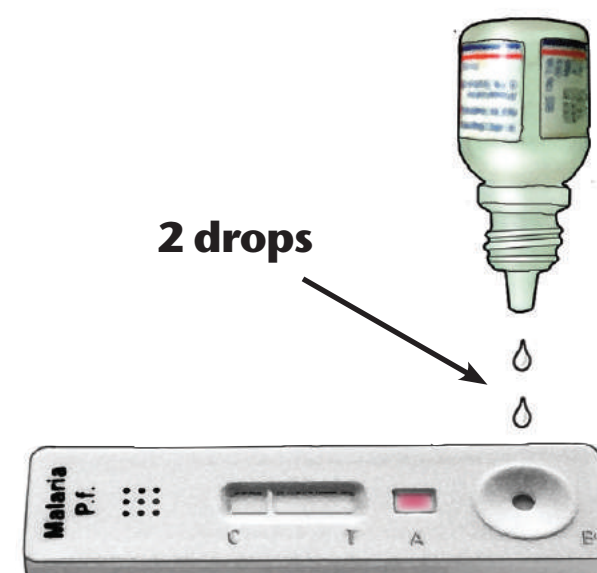
- 9.** Use the loop to put the drop of blood into the square hole marked "A."



- 10.** Discard the loop in the Sharps Box.



- 11.** Put two (2) drops of buffer into the round hole marked "B."



- 12.** Wait **20 minutes** after adding buffer.

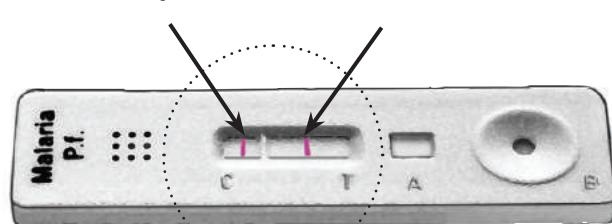


- 13.** Read test results. **(NOTE: Do Not** read the test sooner than **20 minutes** after adding the buffer. You may get **FALSE** results.)

- 14.** How to read the test results:

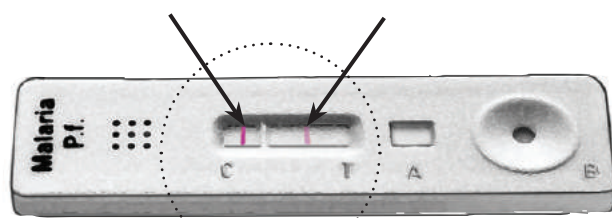
POSITIVE

A line in "C" and a line in "T" means the patient **DOES** have falciparum malaria.



P. falciparum

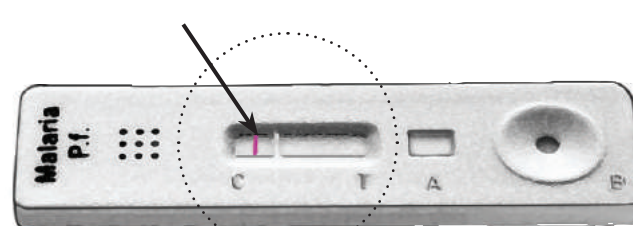
The test is **positive** even if the line near "T" is **faint**.)



P. falciparum (faint +)

NEGATIVE

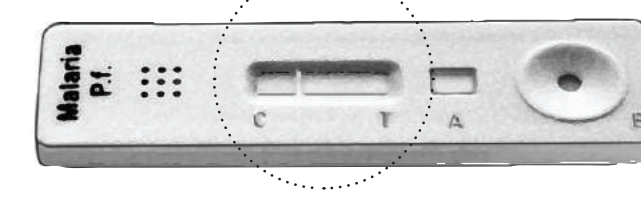
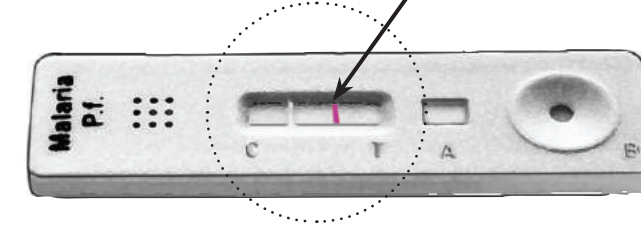
A line in "C" and **NO LINE** in "T" means the patient **DOES NOT** have falciparum malaria.



Negative

INVALID RESULT

NO LINE in "C" and one or no line in "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, **NEW unopened** lancet and **NEW** loop.

- 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.



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