How To Do the Rapid Test for Malaria
Modified for training in the use of the CareStart Malaria HRP2 (Pf) (G0141) Test for falciparum malaria

Collect:
- NEW unopened test packet
- NEW unopened alcohol swab
- NEW unopened lancet
- Buffer
- Timer
- Sharps box
- Pencil or pen

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BEGIN.

1. Check the expiry date on the test packet.
2. Put on the gloves. Use new gloves for each patient.
3. Open the packet and remove:
   - Test
   - Pipette
   - Desiccant
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 the finger. Do not set the lancet down before discarding it.
8. Gently squeeze the bulb of the pipette and touch its tip to the drop of blood. Gently release the bulb to draw blood up to the first line of the pipette.
9. Touch the tip of the pipette to the sample hole marked "S." Squeeze gently to transfer the blood.
10. Discard the pipette in the Sharps Box.
11. Put two (2) drops of buffer into the assay hole marked "A."
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.
   - **NEGATIVE**
     - A line in "C" and NO LINE in "T" means the patient **DOES NOT** have falciparum malaria.
   - **INVALID RESULT**
     - NO LINE in "C" and a line or no line in "T" means the test is INVALID.
     - Repeat the test using a new RDT if no control line appears.
15. Dispose of the gloves, alcohol swab, desiccant 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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