**HOW TO DO THE RAPID TEST FOR SYMPHILIS**

*Training in the use of First Response Syphilis Anti-TP Card Test for the Diagnosis of Syphilis in Human Whole blood/serum/plasma.*

- a. New unopened test device pouch
- b. New unopened alcohol swab
- c. New unopened lancet
- d. New pair of disposable gloves
- e. Specimen Transfer Device
- f. Assay Buffer Bottle
- g. Timer
- h. Biohazardous waste container
- i. Non-biohazardous waste container
- j. Permanent Marker

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**READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE PERFORMING THE TEST.**

1. **Check the expiration date of the test.**
2. **Put on gloves. Use new gloves for each patient.**
3. **Open the pouch and remove:**
   - a. Test Device
   - b. Desiccant
   - c. New unopened alcohol swab
   - d. New pair of disposable gloves
   - e. Specimen Transfer Device
   - f. Assay Buffer Bottle
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5. **Wipe the complete fingertip with the alcohol swab provided and wait until the fingertip dried completely.**
6. **Detach the protective cap of the lancet. Squeeze the fingertip then prick the lateral side of the fingertip with auto safety lancet provided.**
7. **Dispose the lancet immediately into the sharps box.**
8. **Wipe the first drop of the blood using sterile gauze. Gently squeeze your fingertip once again to obtain a large second drop of blood. Take the specimen transfer device provided and hold it vertically. Gently squeeze the bulb of specimen transfer device and immerse open end in the center of a blood drop and release the bulb slowly to draw up the blood up to the 20 µl marking line on the specimen transfer device.**
9. **Add 20µl of Whole blood/ Serum/ Plasma (Filled up to the marking) to the specimen well using the specimen transfer device.**
10. **Dispose the used specimen transfer device into the biohazardous container.**
11. **Add two drops of assay buffer into the buffer well vertically.**
12. **Read the test results at 20 minutes.**

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

**POSITIVE**

A line in “C” & a line in “T” means the patient **DOES** have Syphilis infection.

**NEGATIVE**

A line in “C” and **NO LINE in “T”** means the patient **DOES NOT** have Syphilis Infection.

**INVALID RESULT**

No line in “C” & “T” means the test is **INVALID**

ONLY line in “T” means the test is **INVALID**

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**The Invalid test results should be retested with new test device.**

15. **Record the test results. Dispose of used test device into biohazardous waste container.**
16. **Dispose off desiccant and used gloves in a biohazardous waste container. Dispose off the packaging materials in a non-biohazardous waste container.**

**NOTE:** Do not re-use the test device, alcohol swab, lancet and specimen transfer device as are intended for single use only.

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