

Instructions for the Hepatitis B & C Tests

Please read all instructions before starting.

Step 1: Prepare

Make sure you have everything you need: alcohol cleaning pad, finger lancet, band aid, the test cassettes and two small poly bottles, one labelled activator solution B and the other activator solution C. Remove the cassettes which are labelled B and C from the package and place on a clean dry surface. The cassette labelled HBsAg is for the Hepatitis B test and HCV for the Hepatitis C test.

Step 2: Lance the Finger

Push the yellow lancet plunger into the lancet as far as it will go. Twist the lancet plunger until it detaches from the lancet. Remove the yellow plunger. This plunger end will go against your finger tip. Choose a callus-free finger. Clean the finger with the alcohol pad and let it dry completely. Shake your hand to increase blood flow.

Hold the lancet firmly against your fingertip. Make sure the end of the lancet facing the finger you wish to pierce is the same end that the plunger was removed from.



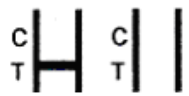
Press the release button on the side of the lancet. The lance will automatically pierce your skin and then retract back into the lancet shell. Safely discard the lancet.

Step 3: Collect the Blood

With an alcohol wipe clean the first trace of blood on your fingertip and then allow a full drop of blood to drip into the round well of cassette B and also one drop into the round well of cassette C. Immediately add 1 drop of activation solution B to the drop of blood in the well of cassette B.

Immediately add 1 drop of activation solution C to the drop of blood to the well of cassette C. A faint pink colour will start to develop in the results area of the cassettes and definitive test results will appear in 10 minutes. They are invalid after 20 minutes.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

<p>POSITIVE RESULT:</p> 	<p>Two colored bands appear on the membrane. One band appears in the control region (C) and another band appears in the test region (T).</p>
<p>NEGATIVE RESULT:</p> 	<p>Only one colored band appears in the control region (C). No apparent colored band appears in the test region (T).</p>
<p>INVALID RESULT:</p> 	<p>Control band fails to appear. Results from any test which has not produced a control band at the specified reading time must be discarded. Please review the procedure and repeat with a new test. If</p>

The results are interpreted in the exact same way for the B and C tests.

A positive test for Hepatitis B or C indicates it would be prudent to contact a healthcare professional to discuss your options. There is a moral and social obligation to take all necessary steps to avoid the possibility of spreading the infection. If you consider yourself at risk, the test should be repeated within 6 months.

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