FIRST, read carefully these instructions.

Collect:
1) alcohol
2) cotton
3) gloves
4) lancet
5) buffer
6) timer

Look at the expiry date at the back of the package.
Use another package if expiry date has passed.

Open the package and look for the following:
1) Desiccant
2) Device
3) Loop

Write patient’s name at the back of the device.

Clean the patient’s finger with alcohol.
The finger MUST be dry before pricking.

Prick the patient’s finger to get a drop of blood.

Touch the loop to the blood.
A film of blood fills the loop.

Immediately touch the loop with blood on the square hole marked “A.”

Put six (6) drops of buffer into the round hole marked “B.”

Read results exactly fifteen (15) minutes after adding buffer.
Do not read the results before fifteen (15) minutes. Reading too early or too late can give false results.

HOW TO READ:

NEGATIVE (no falciparum malaria) - one line in window “C” at left.

POSITIVE falciparum malaria - one line in window “C” at left and one line in window “T” at right.
It is positive even if test line is faint.

NO RESULT - no line in “C” or “T.”
If the control line does NOT appear, any other lines should be disregarded. The test should be repeated!

Record results.
Dispose of infectious waste properly.

Use new package and lancet for each patient.