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Purpose

This procedure provides instructions for using the QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test. The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test is intended for the qualitative detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen of SARS-CoV-2 from individuals with or without symptoms of COVD-19 or at risk of COVID-19 due to epidemiological factors.

Scope

This procedure may be performed by personnel who are trained and approved to perform point-of-care test (POCT) as defined in Chapter 510 of the California Business and Professions Code (CBPC) or per departmental policy, whichever is more restrictive.

This product has not been FDA cleared or approved but has been authorized by FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use in a waived, moderate complexity or high complexity setting certified under CLIA, or at home. This product is authorized for use at the Point of Care (POC), i.e., in patient care settings operating under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Compliance, or Certificate of Accreditation.

The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test is a home use kit that is being performed by a healthcare provider. Per CMS guidelines, since the OTC test is being performed in a waived (or higher) setting, the instructions for use in a waived setting are followed.

Principle

The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test employs lateral flow immunoassay technology. Using this test allows for the rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein antigen. Antigen is generally detectable in anterior nasal specimens during the acute phase of infection.

Specimen Source

Nasal Swab (NS) Sample

- Specimen must be collected using the provided nasal swabs in the test kit.
- Samples must be tested as soon as possible after collection and read within 5 minutes after the 10-minute incubation period.

Specimen Rejection

• Improperly collected and submitted specimen will be rejected per laboratory policy.

Reagent Kit

The following reagent kit is used for testing.

Description	Vendor	Storage
QuickVue At-	Quidel	Store the kit at room temperature (15°C-
Home OTC		30°C), out of direct sunlight. Kit contents are
COVID-19 Test		stable until the expiration date printed on the
		outer box.

Reagents and Materials Supplied

Each 25-Test Kit contains the following:

- 25 Individually Packaged Test Strips: Monoclonal anti-SARS antibodies
- 25 Tubes
- 25 Sterile Nasal Swabs (Kit #20387)
- User Instructions in English
- User Instructions in Spanish
- Ouidel QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Fact Sheet for Individuals

Reagents and Materials Not Supplied

The following list of reagents and materials are not supplied with the test kit:

- Timer or watch
- External Quality Control materials

Safety Precautions

- Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves (nitrile or latex), and eye/face protection when handling patient samples or used kit components.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when swabbing others.
- Avoid exposure of your skin, eyes, nose, or mouth to the solution in the tube. The solution in the tube contains hazardous ingredients. If the solution contacts the skin or eye, flush with plenty of water.
- Dispose of containers and unused contents in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulatory requirements.
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling samples and testing materials.

Quality Control

There are two primary types of Quality Control (QC) for this assay: the built-in control and the external controls.

Built-in Control Features

The QuickVue SARS Antigen test contains built-in procedural control features. The manufacturer's recommendation for daily control is to document these built-in procedural controls for the first sample tested each day.

The two-color result format provides a simple interpretation for positive and negative results. The appearance of a blue procedural control line provides positive control by demonstrating sufficient flow has occurred and the functional integrity of the test strip was maintained. If a blue procedural control line does not develop within 10 minutes on the test strip, then the test result is invalid.

A built-in negative control is provided by the clearing of red background color, verifying that the test has been performed correctly. Within 10 minutes, the result area should be white to light pink and allow the clear interpretation of the test result. If background color remains and interferes with interpretation of the test result, then the test result is invalid. Should this occur, review the procedure and repeat the test with a new patient sample and a new test strip. If retesting is required, it is necessary to collect another patient specimen; patient swabs or reagents cannot be reused.

External Quality Control

External Controls are used to demonstrate that the reagents and assay procedure perform properly. Positive and negative controls are to be run once for each untrained operator, once for each new shipment of kits, and each new kit lot.

The Test Procedure should be used when testing the external controls.

If the external controls do not perform as expected, repeat the test or contact Quidel Technical Support before testing patient specimens. Additional Control Swabs may be obtained separately by contacting Quidel's Customer Support Services.

Collection Procedure

Below are the steps for sample collection.

Step	Action
1	Identify the patient using two identifiers prior to nasal swab
	collection.

2	Prior to collecting the nasal swab, the patient should be instructed to blow their nose. Remove the swab from its wrapper, being careful not to touch the swab head.
3	Gently insert the swab ½ to ¾ of an inch (1 to 1.5 cm) into the nostril, depending on the size of the person's nose. Firmly rub the swab in a circular motion around the inside wall of each nostril at least 4 times. Be sure to rub both nostrils with the same swab. Note: Failure to swab properly may cause false negative results.
4	Submit specimen to lab immediately.

Test Procedure

Follow the steps below to perform testing.

Step	Action
1	Identify the patient specimen using two identifiers. Ensure that order is for SARS-COV-2 (Covid-19) Antigen, Qualitative, Rapid Immunoassay by checking that test on specimen label is COVID19 AG.
2	Remove cap from one pre-filled tube and place in the tube holder.
3	Place the swab into the pre-filled tube, and ensure the swab is touching the bottom of the tube. Stir 3-4 times.
4	Leave the swab in the solution for one (1) minute. Do not remove the swab prior to one minute. Note: If the swab is in the solution for more than 10 minutes it should not be used. Incorrect or invalid results may occur if the incubation time is too short or too long.

, continue 5 After one minute, remove the swab from the tube by rubbing the swab head against the inside wall of the tube to squeeze out as much liquid as possible. 6 Dispose of swab in the biohazard waste bin. 7 Open the test strip pouch carefully at the slit and hold the test strip as indicated (only hold the top portion of the strip). Ē 8 Note: If the test strip is open for an hour or longer, invalid test results may occur. 8 Place the test strip into the pre-filled tube with the arrows pointing down. Leave the strip in the tube for a full 10 minutes. Do not handle or remove during this time. Arrows pointing down 9 At 10 minutes, remove the test strip from the tube and read result according to the Interpretation of Results section. Ensure the test strip is on a flat surface and in good lighting. Note: The test is intended to be read at 10 minutes. If the test is read before this or is read more than 5 minutes after the indicated read time, results may be inaccurate (false negative, false positive, or invalid) and the test should be repeated. 10 Document test result in- Cerner ARE.

Interpretation of Results

Interpretation Use the table below to read and interpret results.

Result	Interpretation	Visual Guide
Positive	At 10 minutes, ANY shade of a pink-to-red Test Line AND the appearance of a blue procedural Control Line indicates a positive result for the presence of SARS antigen. Results will remain stable for five (5) minutes after the recommended read time. Do not read the result more than fifteen minutes after placing into the pre-filled tube.	G I I
	Note: A very faint, pink Test Line and a blue Control Line is a Positive result.	C = Control Line T = Test Line
	Additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for positive results may be necessary, if there is a low likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection, such as in individuals without known exposures to SARS-CoV-2 or residing in communities with low prevalence of infection.	
Negative	At 10 minutes, the appearance of ONLY the blue procedural Control Line indicates SARS antigen was not detected. Results will remain stable for five (5) minutes after the recommended read time. Do not read the result more than fifteen minutes after placing into the pre-filled tube. Note: Negative results should be treated as presumptive and confirmation with a	C T C = Control Line T = Test Line
	molecular assay, if necessary, for patient management, may be performed. For serial testing programs, additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for negative results may be necessary after second negative result for asymptomatic patients, if there is a high likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection, such as for individuals in close contact or suspected exposure to a person with	

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	COVID-19 or in communities with high	
	prevalence of infection.	
Invalid	If at 10 minutes, the blue procedural Control Line does not appear, even if any shade of a pink-to-red Test Line appears, the result is invalid.	C T
	If at 10 minutes, the background color does not clear and it interferes with the reading of the test, the result is also invalid.	C = Control Line T = Test Line
	If the result is invalid, a new test should be performed with a new patient sample and a new Test Strip.	

Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigens, but clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Laboratories within the United States and its territories are required to report all results to the appropriate public health authorities. Negative results should be treated as presumptive, do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection, and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions.

Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and confirmed with a molecular assay, if necessary, for patient management. For serial testing programs, additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for negative results may be necessary after second negative result for asymptomatic patients, if there is a high likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection, such as for individuals in close contact or suspected exposure to a person with COVID-19 or in communities with high prevalence of infection. Additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for positive results may also be necessary, if there is a low likelihood of SARS-CoV-2 infection, such as in individuals without known exposures to SARS-CoV-2 or residing in communities with low prevalence of infection.

Limitations

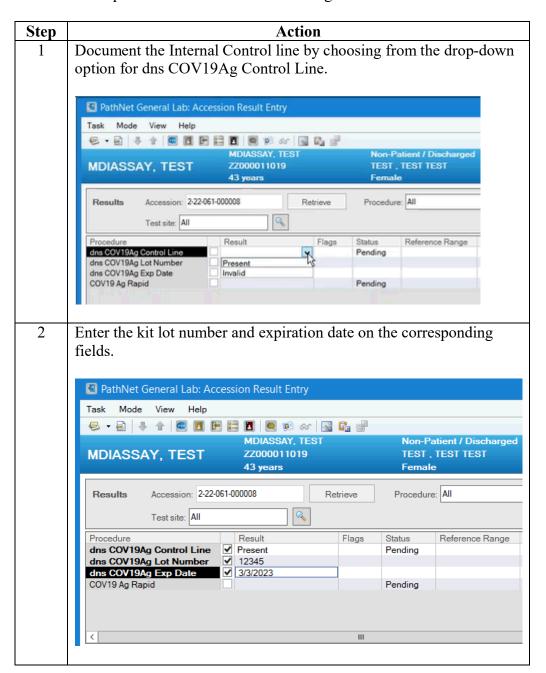
- The test is intended for direct anterior nasal swab specimens only. Using another sample collection device or with transport medium such as viral transport medium (VTM) or saline should not be used with this test as it may cause false results.
- The contents of this kit are to be used only for the qualitative detection of SARS antigens from anterior nares nasal swab specimens. A negative test result may occur if the level of antigen in a sample is below the detection limit of the test or if the sample was collected improperly.
- The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test does not differentiate between SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2.
- Failure to follow the test procedure and interpretation of results may adversely affect test performance and/or invalidate the test results.
- Test results must be evaluated in conjunction with other clinical data available to the physician.
- Negative test results are not intended to rule in other non-SARS viral or bacterial infections.
- Positive test results do not rule out co-infections with other pathogens.
- Negative results should be treated as presumptive, and confirmation with a molecular assay, if necessary for patient management, may be performed.
- If the differentiation of specific SARS viruses and strains is needed. additional testing, in consultation with state or local public health departments, is required.
- The performance of this test for SARS-CoV-2 was established based on the evaluation of a limited number of clinical specimens collected between August 2020 and December 2020. The clinical performance has not been established in all circulating variants but is anticipated to be reflective of the prevalent variants in circulation at the time and location of the clinical evaluation. Performance at the time of testing may vary depending on the variants circulating, including newly emerging strains of SARS-CoV-2 and their prevalence, which change over time.
- The performance of this test has not yet been clinically validated for use in patients without signs and symptoms of respiratory infection, or for serial screening applications and performance may differ in these populations.

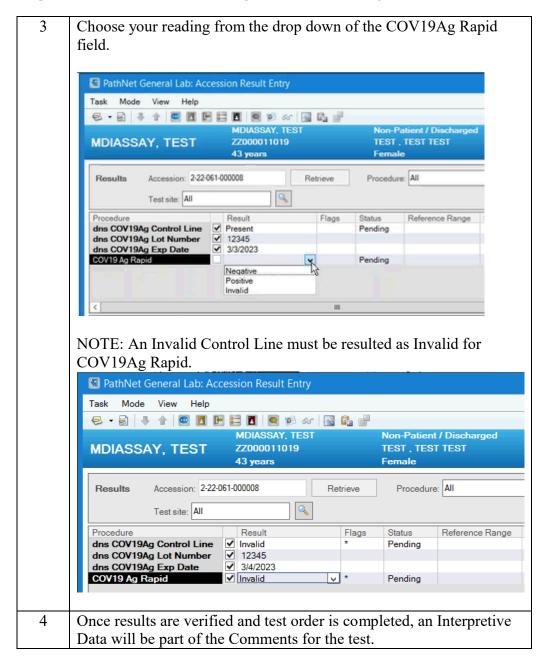
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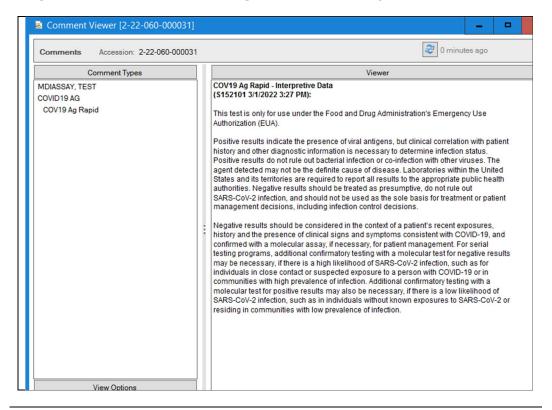
Procedure

Result Reporting

To result a test performed for the COVID19 antigen:







Reference Range

Negative

Any Positive and Invalid results for COV19 Ag Rapid will be flagged Abnormal in Cerner.

Non-Controlled Documents

The following non-controlled documents support this procedure.

- Quidel QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Instructions for Use HCP
- Quidel QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Healthcare Professional Fact Sheet
- Quidel QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test User Instructions
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Over the Counter (OTC)
 Home Testing and CLIA Applicability Frequently Asked Questions,
 November 22, 2021

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