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MICROINR®

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User guide for the fulfillment of the external quality assessment programme with the MicroINR®

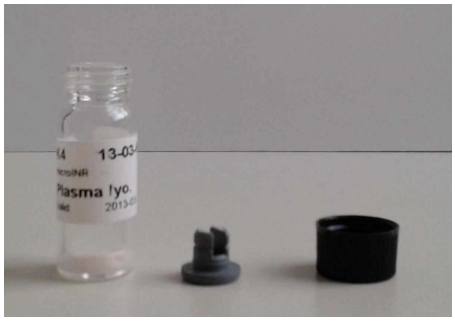
1. The EQA sample (K4) for MicroINR® includes :
   - 1 bottle with lyophilized plasma,
   - 1 diluent filled dropper.

   Material **required** (**but not provided**) : scissors.

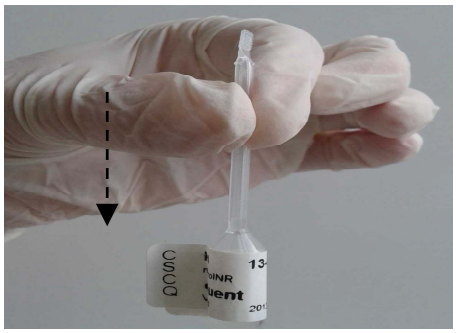
   Before reconstitution, allow samples to warm up to room temperature (20 - 25°C) for 30 minutes.

2. Make sure that the entire content of the lyophilized probe is located on the bottom of the bottle.

   Open the bottle and remove **carefully** the rubber stopper
   (let the air enter in the bottle before removing totally the rubber stopper).

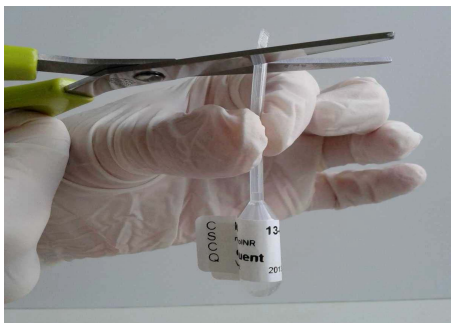


3. Hold the dropper by the stem and shake gently to let all the diluent come down in the bulb.



4. Using scissors, cut off the tip of the dropper at the end of the stem.

   Important: to avoid loss of diluent, hold the dropper **only** by **the stem**.



5. Gently squeeze the bulb to dispense **all the diluent** over the dried material, throw the dropper away.

   Caution : do not allow the dropper to touch the dried material.

6. Mix carefully by gently swirling the bottle until the dried material is completely dissolved.

   IMPORTANT: do not shake, invert the bottle or lean over the sides.

   The reconstituted control material is only stable for **30 minutes**, analyse has to be performed before.

7. Let the bottle rest for at least one minute. Meanwhile, turn the device on and insert a test Chip.

8. When the microINR® coagulometer is ready, gently swirl the control bottle once or twice just before analyse to mix the control solution.

9. With another pipette, take off the control solution and dispense one drop of it on the sample application area of the test Chip.

   EQA sample must be analysed like a patient sample.

   Record the TP-INR value on CSCQ result form or into EQAcom.