

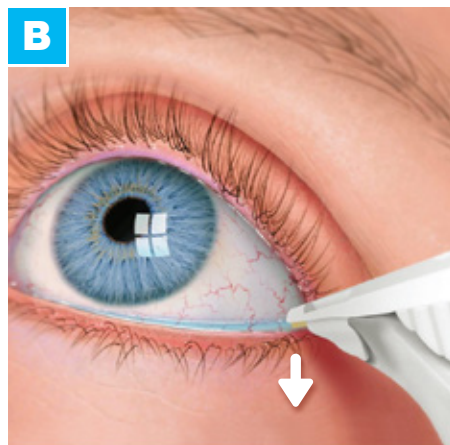
TEARLAB® COLLECTION GUIDE

PATIENT PREPARATION



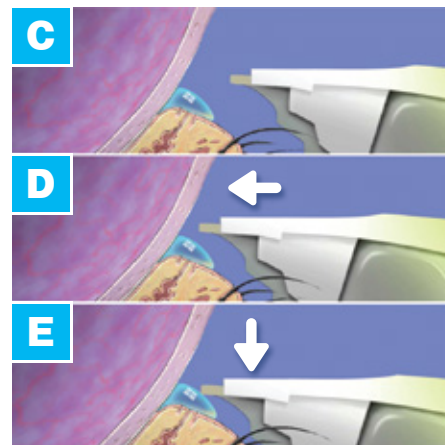
- Seat patient with head back and eyes upward toward the ceiling (A).
- **IMPORTANT: Do NOT pull the eyelid away from the eye; moving the lid down will break the tear lake and make collection difficult.**

SAMPLE COLLECTION



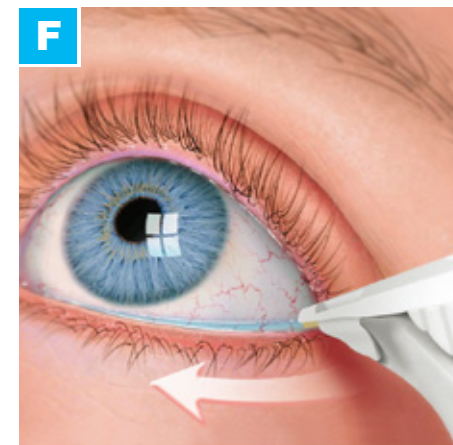
- Ask the patient to blink 3 times, then move the pen into place.
- Lower the pen allowing the bottom of the tip to come into contact with the lower eyelid and the line of moisture along the inner eyelid margin (B).

COLLECTION TECHNIQUE



- Move the tip beyond the eyelashes near the canthus (C & D).
- Avoid touching the sclera.
- Press down lightly with the pen on the lower eyelid to collect tears (E).
- Fluid is wicked upwards from the underside of the tip of the test card.

DIFFICULT COLLECTION



- Allow patient to blink normally.
- If there is not enough tear to collect immediately, **do not peck.**
- Gently press down on the lower eyelid with the tip of the pen. Without removing it from the lid margin, slide the pen along the outer one-third of the lid margin until a tear sample is obtained (F).
- In the rare case where there just isn't enough tear on the surface of the eye, a Below Range error may result. It is recommended that the test be repeated with a new test card.



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