

Center for Addiction Medicine and Policy

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Add about 10 drops of fresh water. The amount of water doesn't need to be exact. It's always better to add more water than less. Mix well.



Dip wavy-line end of test strip in water and allow water to rise up the strip. Be careful to not dip it past the blue line!

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BLOTTER TABS: Cut off a small piece and then run the test as instructed.

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