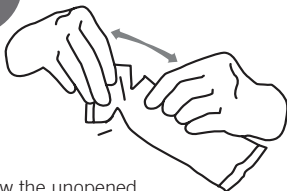


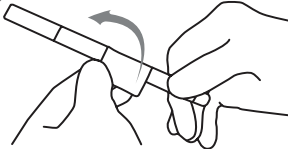
ILLUSTRATED INSTRUCTIONS

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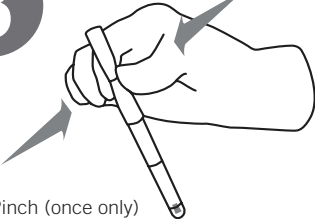
Allow the unopened Lab-Elite™ (KWIK-STIK™) pouch to equilibrate to room temperature. Tear open pouch at notch and remove the KWIK-STIK™ unit.

**2**



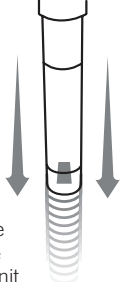
Tear off Pull-Tab portion on the label and attach it to the primary culture plate or QC record. Do not disassemble the device during hydration.

**3**



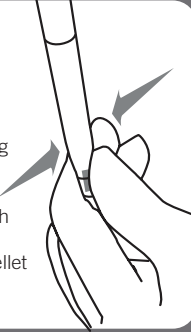
Pinch (once only) the ampoule at the top of the KWIK-STIK™ (just below the fluid meniscus of the ampoule) found in the cap to release the hydrating fluid.

**4**



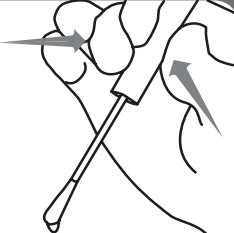
Hold vertically and tap on a hard surface to facilitate flow of fluid through shaft into bottom of unit containing pellet. Allow the hydrating fluid to flow through the swab shaft and into the bottom portion of the unit containing the pellet.

**5**



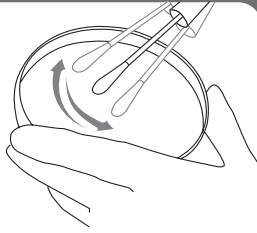
Using a pinching action on the bottom portion of the unit, crush the pellet in the fluid until the pellet suspension is homogenous.

**6**



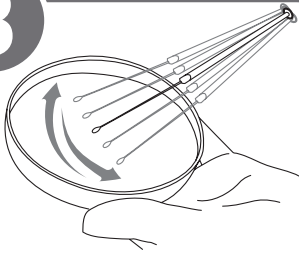
**IMMEDIATELY** heavily saturate the swab with the hydrated material and transfer to agar medium.

**7**



Inoculate the primary culture plate(s) by gently rolling the swab over one-third of the plate.


**8**



Using a sterile loop, streak to facilitate colony isolation.

**9**

Using proper biohazard disposal, discard the KWIK-STIK™.



**10** **IMMEDIATELY** incubate the inoculated primary culture plate(s) at temperature and conditions appropriate to the microorganism.