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## **Nitrite Swabs**

### **I. Required Items:**

Sodium Nitrite  
Deionized water (diH<sub>2</sub>O)  
Cotton-tipped swabs, 100

### **II. Instructions For Preparation:**

Dissolve sodium nitrite in diH<sub>2</sub>O. Soak the cotton-tipped ends of the swabs in the solution. Dry the swabs by placing them upside down (cotton tip up) in a beaker. Test the nitrite swabs by saturating the tip of an untreated swab (negative control) with 15% acetic acid solution and streaking a piece of Greiss paper. Then saturate a freshly prepared nitrite swab with 15% acetic acid solution and streak the same piece of Greiss paper in a different location. A positive test result occurs when an orange streak is produced by the nitrite swab. The streak made by the negative control swab should be clear.

### **III. Storage Conditions:**

Store at room temperature.

### **IV. Expiration Date:**

Nitrite swabs do not expire.

Amount Made	Date Prepared	Preparer	Test Results	Expiration Date