

Xpresa Prime™ PT/INR Test Strips

Xpresa Prime™ PT/INR Test Strips are for users with the Xpresa Prime™ Coagulation Analyzer. Other test strips will not work with the analyzer.

Intended use
The Xpresa Prime™ System is for determination of the International Normalized Ratio (INR), relative to prothrombin time, for the monitoring of oral anticoagulation therapy with warfarin (a vitamin K antagonist) in fresh capillary whole blood. It is an in vitro diagnostic device intended for multi-patient use in professional healthcare settings, including point-of-care settings.

Summary and explanation
A Prothrombin Time test was first reported in 1935.¹ The INR was first introduced in the 1980s as a way to standardize the prothrombin time between centers using different reagents and was adopted by the World Health Organization not long after.^{2,3} It has become one of the most used tests for evaluating the extrinsic coagulation pathway. This test is used for monitoring warfarin therapy (a vitamin K antagonist) which reduces the activity of Factor II (prothrombin), VII, IX, and X.⁴

Principles of the procedure
Warfarin is a synthetic anticoagulation medication, commonly referred to as a blood thinner. It prevents blood clots from forming in blood or blood vessels. The physician needs to monitor warfarin activity to ensure that the dosage is correct and the patient stays within a specific therapeutic range. Monitoring is done by measuring the time it takes for blood to clot and reporting it as a standardized result (INR). To perform a test, a test strip is inserted into the strip port on the analyzer. A drop of blood is applied to the strip target area. A drop of blood is applied to the strip's reaction chamber bit⁵ capillary slot. The analyzer stops the test when the blood has clotted and an INR result is displayed.

Reagents
Xpresa Prime™ PT/INR Test Strips are packaged in vials with 25 strips in each. Each test strip contains the reagent Dade® Innovin®, a preparation of purified recombinant human tissue factor combined with synthetic phospholipids, calcium and stabilizers.

Warnings and cautions
• Always follow the instructions, safety procedures and precautions listed here and throughout the Xpresa Prime™ Coagulation Analyzer User Guide, and those adopted by your healthcare facility.

• Parts of the Xpresa Prime™ Coagulation Analyzer could become contaminated during patient testing and may be sources of transmission of blood-borne pathogens between patients and healthcare professionals. For more information, consult:

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• The device must be disinfected between patients (as described in the Xpresa Prime™ Coagulation Analyzer User Guide).

• A new pair of clean gloves should be worn by the user before testing each patient. Only use a single-use, single-use lancing device.

• Always store test strips in their original vial and with the cap firmly closed.

• After removing a test strip from the vial, use the strip within 10 minutes.

• Apply capillary blood to the test strip within 2 minutes of being prompted to do so by an "apply sample" message on the analyzer's screen.

• The capillary blood must be applied to the test strip within 30 seconds of sample collection.

• A test strip must be used only once.

• Do not touch or move the test strip after you apply the blood sample or while the test is in progress.

• Do not use a strip that is past its expiration or discard date.

• Do not touch a test strip with wet hands or wet gloves.

• Do not reuse a strip that has been dropped or which may have been contaminated.

• Do not use a strip if it appears damaged in any way.

• Never add more blood to the test strip after the test has begun.

• After use, dispose of the test strip as biohazardous waste.

Storage and stability
Always store Xpresa Prime™ PT-INR Test Strips as follows (do not refrigerate):

	Storage	Stability
Unopened	2 - 30 °C 0 - 75 % RH	See expiry date on packaging
Opened	2 - 30 °C 0 - 75 % RH	3 months

Liquid Quality control
For liquid quality control information, see the instructions for use that came with your Xpresa Prime™ Systems PT Controls Kit, with precision data for the Xpresa Prime™ system as follows:

Statistique	PT Control	PT Control
1	2	2

Note: Patients with high results (INR > 8.0) are outside the reporting range. Such results should be confirmed using an alternative test method (approved by the patient's physician).

Limites

The Xpresa Prime™ System is only for measuring INR in patients with V. K. Antagonist, oral anticoagulation therapy (e.g., Warfarin, Coumadin etc.). It should not be used to measure INR in patients on other anticoagulation therapies. Hematocrit levels of between 25 and 55% do not significantly affect test results. In vitro testing has shown the Xpresa Prime™ System's results are not affected by the following drugs up to the associated concentration:

4-Aminoantipyrine 37.5 mg/L, 4-Methylaminopyrine HCl 25 mg/L, Acetaminophen (Paracetamol) 20 mg/dL, Apixaban 0.05 mg/L, Ascorbic Acid 4.5 mg/dL, Atorvastatin 10 mg/L, Cetirizine 10 mg/L, Diltiazem unkonjugated 20mg/dL, Calcium Dodecasite 9.4 mg/L, Dabigatran 0.01 mg/L, Daptomycin 0.54 g/L, Desmethylaspirin 0.6 mg/L, Edoxaban 150 mg/L, Enanthate (testosterone) 480 mg/L, Ethinodiol 3 mg/L, Fondaparinux 5 mg/L, Hemosyst as HbA0 200 mg/dL, Ibuprofen 2.88 g/L, Levonorgestrel 1.8 mg/L, Lipemia (as triglyceride) 3270 mg/dL, Low Molecular Weight Heparin (Clexane and Fragmin) 3 IU/mL, Novolin (Humalog) 100 mg/dL, Octreotide 0.05 mg/L, Prasugrel 72 mg/L, Prednisolone 3 mg/L, Prostamide 25.6 mg/L, Rivaroxaban 0.02 mg/L, Salicylic acid (Aspirin) 69.5 mg/dL, Unfractionated Heparin 3000 U/L, Uric Acid 24 mg/dL.

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Expected values

When capillary samples from normal healthy, warfarin-free individuals were analyzed using the Xpresa Prime™ System, 95% of the INRs ranged from 0.9 to 1.1. Each lot of Xpresa Prime™ PT/INR Test Strips is calibrated to a reference lot of human recombinant thromboplastin traceable to the World Health Organization International Reference Preparation.³

Unexpected results

If an unexpected result is reported, or if you are concerned that a result does not match the patient's symptoms or history, the test should be repeated with a fresh fingerstick. If a similar result is obtained, the patient should be tested by other means (e.g., laboratory, physician). Differences in reagents, instruments, and pre-analytical variables can affect INR results. This should be considered when comparing different PT test methods.

Materials

Provided

- Xpresa Prime™ PT/INR Test Strips
- Xpresa Prime™ Coagulation Analyzer
- Single-use, auto-disabling lancing device (21-23 gauge, 1.8-2.0 mm depth)
- Cotton ball or tissue
- Alcohol wipe
- Acetone and disinfecting wipe recommended by Universal Biosensors (see your Xpresa Prime Coagulation Analyzer User Guide)
- A lint-free tissue or cloth for drying the analyzer after cleaning

Performance characteristics

Reporting range

0.8 - 8.0 INR. Results outside this range will not be reported.

Factor sensitivity

Single-factor depleted plasma was combined with a normal plasma donor to produce a series of diluted plasma samples. These plasma samples were combined with red blood cells and these whole blood samples were tested across 3 lots of test strips on Xpresa Prime. The Xpresa Prime™ System is sensitive to deficiencies of Factors II, V, VII and X.

Specimen preparation and collection

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