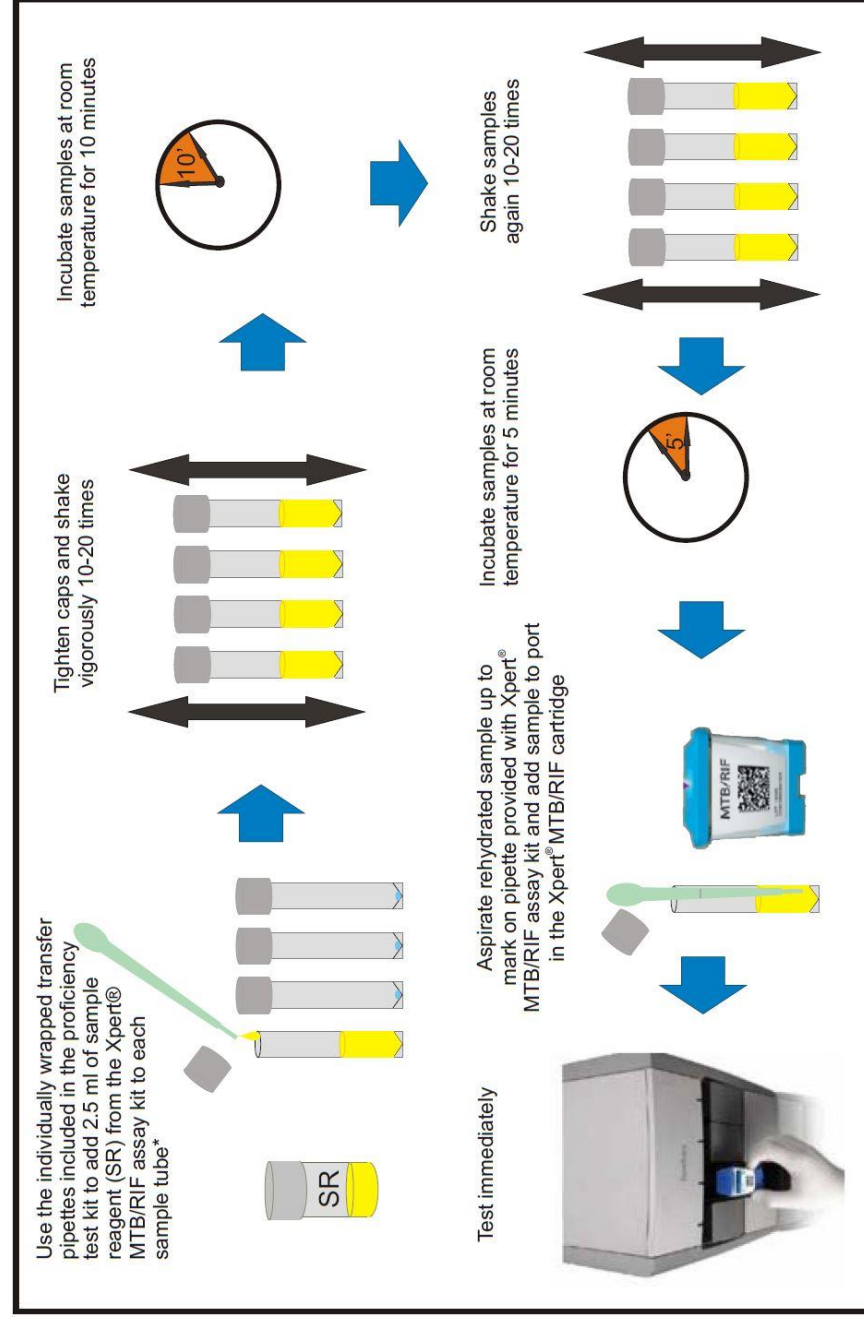


Testing Xpert® MTB/RIF Dried Tube Specimen (DTS) Performance Evaluation Samples

Caution: Xpert MTB/RIF DTS samples contain nonviable strains of mycobacteria and should be treated as infectious material. The DTS samples should only be opened in a laboratory where the Xpert® MTB/RIF assay is performed, using the same precautions and safety measures employed when testing clinical samples.

- Performance evaluation testing should be incorporated into the flow of clinical testing.
- Only rehydrate the number of samples that can be tested immediately.
- Time between sample rehydration and testing should not exceed 30 minutes.
- Prior to testing, store samples at 2-8°C in the dark.



*Avoid cross-contamination by using a separate transfer pipette for each sample, one bottle of sample reagent per sample and only having one sample open at a time.