Job Aid Smart Apps for Community Health Workers

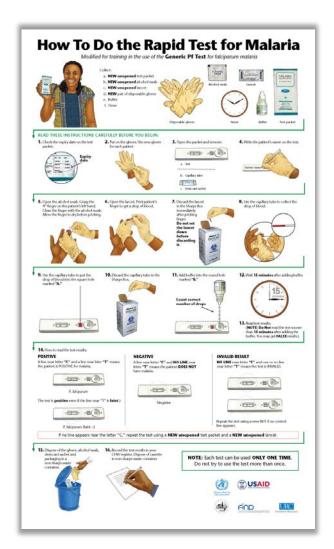
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Project overview: paper to app













Field work

Winter quarter work

- Interviews and testing with public health professionals.
- Two app prototypes built using ODK.

Important app capabilities

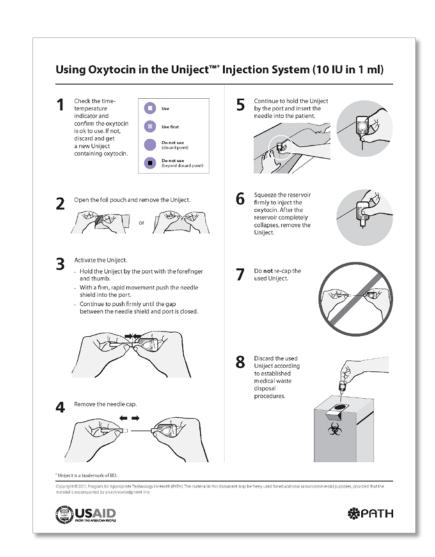
- Clear wayfinding—"next" button and swipe
- Decision trees
- Calculators
- Timers
- Animated images or videos

Paper job aids are still important

- Still important to have paper as back up.
- Some job aids are just as good (or better) in paper format.

Usability

Apps may be challenging for some users.



Implementation

Key goals

- Develop three job aid smart apps.
- Focus on key widgets:
 - Calculators, timers, decision trees.
- Refine decision tree functionality.

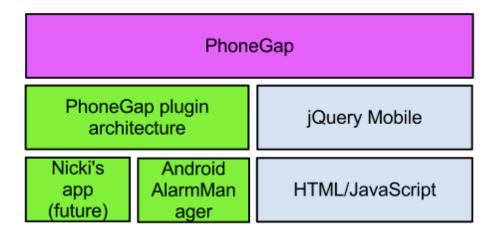
Architecture

- Rapid diagnostic test apps:
 - Web apps using jQuery Mobile.
 - Deployed as Android app using PhoneGap
- Eclampsia prevention app:
 - Native Android app

Future work

- App builder for non-programmers (templating system).
- Integrate Nicki's optical recognition of rapid diagnostic test results.

Rapid diagnostic test app architecture



Job aid apps built so far

Job aid apps

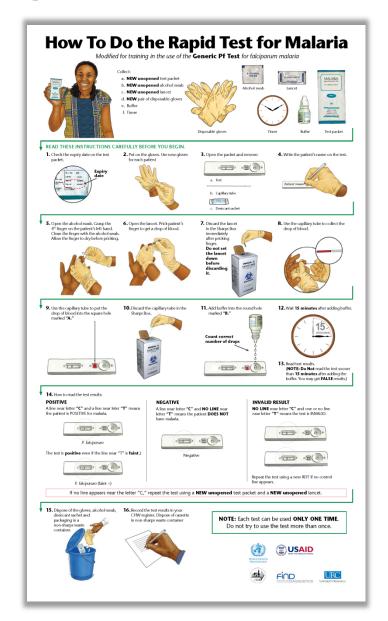
- Malaria rapid diagnostic test
- HIV rapid diagnostic test
- Eclampsia prevention/treatment

Key widgets

- Dosage calculator
- Timers
- Decision trees



Malaria rapid diagnostic test



OraQuick HIV rapid diagnostic test

OraQuick HIV Rapid Test

For use with oral fluids Store Kits: 2 - 30° C

- . Check kit before use. Use only items that have not expired or been damaged
- Bring kit and previously stored specimens to room temperature prior to use
- Always use universal safety precautions when handling specimens. Keep work areas clean and organized.

This outline is not intended to replace the product insert or your standard operating procedure (SOP)



1. Collect test items and other



2. Set reusable stand on a flat, level surface. Partially remove device from package and label device and developer vial with client dentification number.



3. Carefully uncap the developer vial and place vial into the



Insert the device pad completely into 6.
 the vial with the result window



Wait 20 minutes (no longer than 40 min.) before reading



4. Instruct the client to use the pad

end of the test device to swab

7 Road and record the results and other pertinent info on the

OraQuick HIV Rapid Test Results

Reactive 2 lines of any intensity appear in



Non-reactive and no line in the test area.









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OraQuick HIV Rapid Test

For use with whole blood, serum or plasma Store Kits: 2 - 30° C

- Check kit before use. Use only items that have not expired or been damaged.
- Bring kit and previously stored specimens to room temperature prior to use. Always use universal safety precautions when handling specimens. Keep work areas clean and organized.

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1. Collect test items and other necessary lab supplies.



2. Set reusable stand on a flat, level surface. Partially remove device from package and label device and the developer vial with client



4. Collect approximately 5 µl of 5. Transfer the collected specimen to



7. Insert the device pad completely



Wait 20 minutes (no longer than 40 min.) before reading the results.



Carefully uncap the developer vial and place vial into the stand.





Read and record the results and other pertinent info on the

OraQuick HIV Rapid Test Results

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Non-reactive 1 line appears in the control area and no line in the test



Invalid No line appears in the control area. Do not report invalid results. Repeat test with a new test device

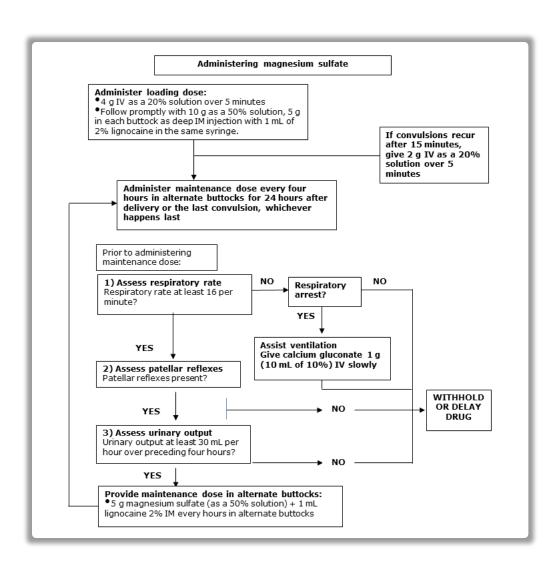




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Eclampsia prevention using magnesium sulfate



Evaluation

Testing our solution

- User testing of app functionality.
- Comparison of paper job aids with apps user preferences.

Criteria we are measuring

- Ability to navigate app while conducting procedure.
- Ability to complete complex tasks calculations and reading test results.
- General usability issues.

Usability test participants

 Users familiar with international and/or health contexts.

Target users for final build

 Community health workers in low-resource settings.



Future work

Work not yet implemented

- Setting timers to run in the background and later notify users.
- How to localize the app easily (e.g., language settings).
- Workflows that can be scaled up to an app builder.

Anticipated problems

- Availability of smart phones.
- Maintaining the built application.
- Determining with which users and in what context this is worthwhile.

Remaining unknowns

- How could apps play a role in health worker training?
- When and how could apps be feasible and cost-effective in global public health systems?



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Thanks! Questions?

