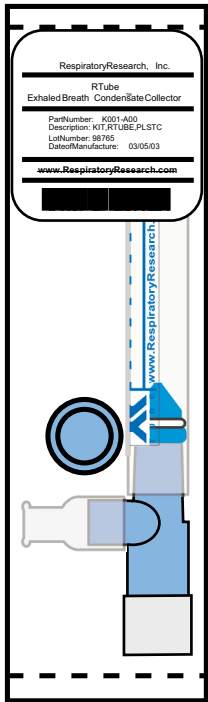


## Preparing the RTube for Use



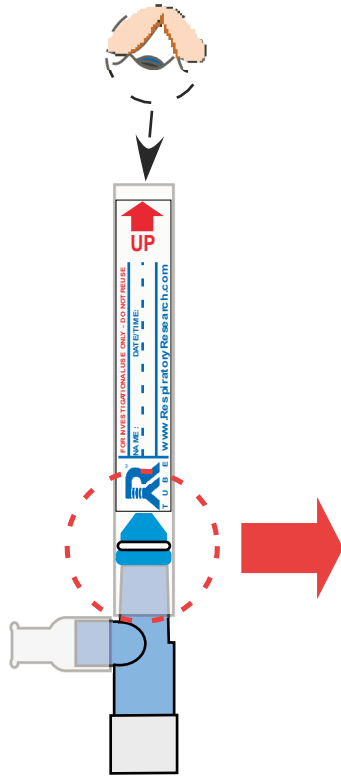
If stored in a warm environment for an extended period of time, the RTube may offer increased resistance upon the first attempt to use. This is due to minor adhesion internal to the duckbill valve. This is expected and normally has no effect, but in rare cases it can be enough to impair usage of the RTube. Apply this procedure prior to using RTube to verify proper operation and eliminate any potential impairment.

1



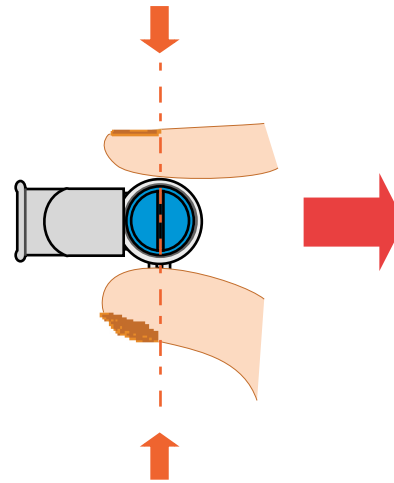
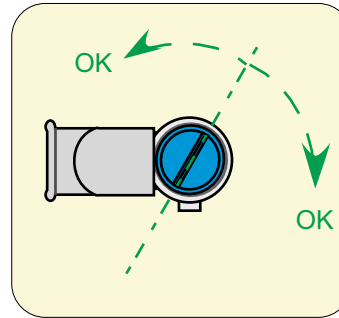
Remove from package and set cap aside.

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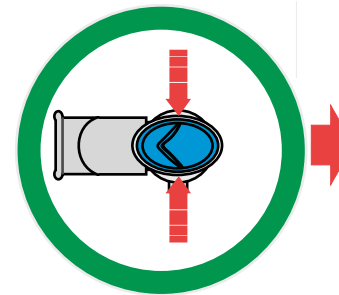
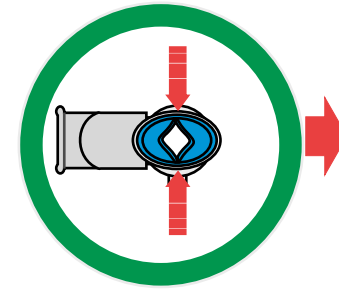
Look down into top of RTube and note the orientation of the apex of the duckbill valve. This is the visible peak of the valve running all the way across.

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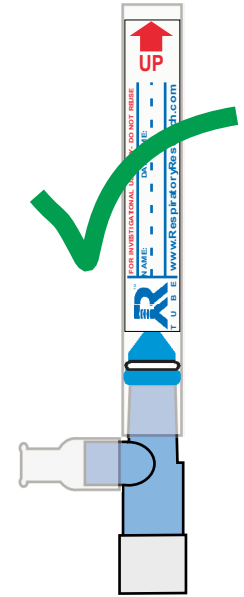
Grasp the RTube between your thumb and forefinger such that the apex of the valve is in line with finger placement. Note that valve orientation varies normally. Adjust finger position accordingly and gently squeeze the RTube.

4



Verify that the blue duckbill valve flexes as you squeeze. This breaks any mild adhesion which may have formed during storage and allows the valve to open freely.

5



RTube is now ready for use. Monitor the research subject closely and discard RTube if he/she is unable to exhale through the device.