

BASIC RULES FOR EXAMINING ADULT MOSQUITOES UNDER THE DISSECTION MICROSCOPE

1. Never touch the mosquito. It is very fragile
2. Pin the mosquito into the cork or block. DO NOT move cork or block, but repin mosquito to change position.
3. Focus scope light on the mosquito, not below it
4. Always look at the mosquito under low power first to detect color patterns and sex.
5. Always make sure mosquitoes are put back in the insect boxes when they are not being used. Ants will eat them.
6. Make sure scope lenses are adjusted for you (focus and width)