

Supplies Needed

Copan eSwab with blue cap (flexible minitip)
Patient Identification Labels



Instructions for Collection

1. Avoid handling the swab below the pink molded breakpoint
2. Gently pass the swab through the nostril to the posterior nasopharynx
Do not force the swab; resistance will be felt when the posterior nasopharynx is reached
3. Rotate the swab and leave it in place for up to 30 seconds
4. Withdraw as quickly as possible
5. Insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the tube
6. Holding the swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, and keeping the tube away from your face, break the applicator shaft at the breakpoint indication line. Bottom portion of swab remains in the tube
7. Screw the cap on tightly
8. Dispose of the top swab shaft in regular trash
9. Label the tube with the patient identification
10. Transport promptly to the Lab (within 30 minutes of collection) or refrigerate until just before delivery to lab.

