

- Age: use for all ages
- Testing: FLU A/B; RSV; COVID
- Midturbinate swabs are not acceptable

## Supplies Needed

- FLOQ Swab
- Universal Viral Transport Medium (UTM)
- Patient Identification Labels



## Instructions for Collection

1. Avoid handling below the 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 5-6 times and leave it in place for 5-10 seconds
4. Withdraw as quickly as possible
5. Insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the UTM 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. The bottom portion of swab remains in the tube
7. Screw the cap on tightly
8. Dispose of the swab shaft
9. Label the tube with the patient identification
10. Transport promptly to the Lab

