

1 Before You Begin

- Patient should avoid eating, drinking, smoking or vaping for 30 minutes before the specimen collection.
- Wash hands and wear appropriate PPE (gown, gloves, mask, face shield) if collecting someone else.
- Label the test tube with the **patient's full name, date of collection, and a unique identifier** (e.g., date of birth or Health Card Number).
- **Complete all fields** on the appropriate Test Requisition.

Storage of Unused Kits

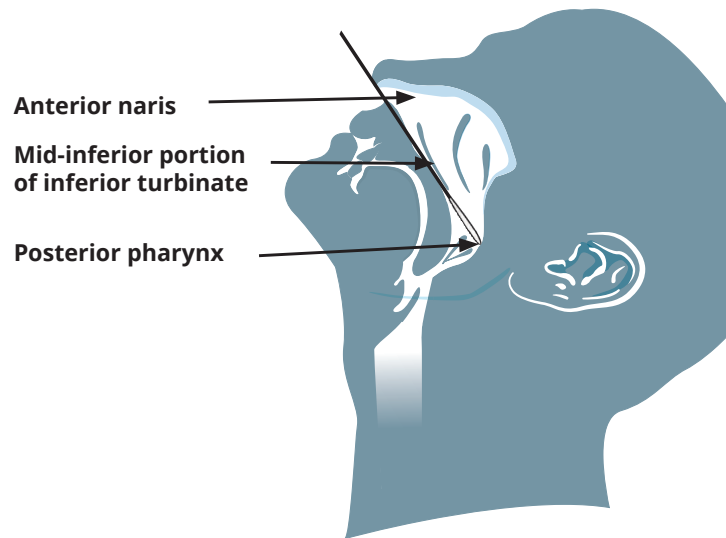
- Unused kits should be stored at 2 to 25°C until used.
- Improper storage will result in a loss of efficacy.
- Kits should only be stored up until their expiry date.

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2 Collection Instructions

1. Aseptically remove the swab from the package
2. Tilt patient's head back 70°.
3. Insert flexible shaft mini-tip swab through nares parallel to palate (not upwards) until:
 - Resistance is met, OR
 - Distance is equivalent to half the distance from the patient's ear to their nostril.
4. Gently rub and roll the swab.
5. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions.
6. Slowly remove the swab while rotating it and immediately place in sterile tube containing transport medium.
7. Break swab shaft evenly at the scored line and replace cap to vial closing tightly.
8. Place the specimen in the biohazard bag and put the completed requisition in the outer pocket of the biohazard bag.
9. Wash hands and confirm lab processing instructions.
 - The specimen should be stored and transported at 2 to 8°C. If transport will be delayed, specimen should be frozen at -70°C or below and shipped on dry ice.



Tilt the head back at a 70° angle as illustrated in the picture.



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