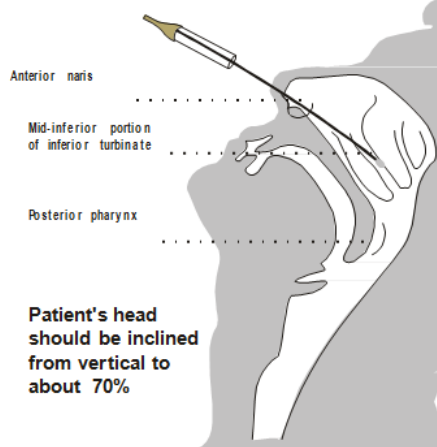




## NASOPHARYNGEAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

### Nasopharyngeal swab method for *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* / *Chlamydothila pneumoniae* Collection



**A properly taken nasopharyngeal swab will yield high levels of organism.**

1. Insert flexible nasopharyngeal swab into one nostril.
2. Press the swab tip on the mucosal surface of the mid-inferior turbinate.
3. Briefly rotate the swab once it has been inserted.
4. Leave swab in place for a few seconds to absorb material.
5. Withdraw swab and insert into transport medium.
6. Break swab shaft at score line.

**N. B. Rule of thumb to determine when swab is placed properly: insert swab to one-half the distance from the tip of the nose to the tip of the earlobe.]**