

GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE

SAMPLE COLLECTION - NP (NASO-PHARYNGEAL) SWAB

BEFORE COLLECTION

- ◆ Train on procedure and safety
- ◆ Check requisition and patient ID
- ◆ Get supplies
 - Sterile flexible swab (see collection requirements) - holding media, culture plate or test kit transport tube
- ◆ Label media or test tube including patient name, unique identifier, date and time collected
- ◆ Wash your hands - put on gloves

COLLECTION

- ◆ Tell the patient they may experience an uncomfortable feeling or tickling
- ◆ Clear the nose of mucous and/or have patient cough
- ◆ Tilt the head back
- ◆ Gently insert swab until it meets resistance
- ◆ Quickly rotate and remove swab

AFTER COLLECTION

- ◆ Use swab for sampling procedure
- ◆ Place swab in holding media or roll over top 1/3 of culture plate or follow test kit procedure
- ◆ Discard collection materials in biohazard container
- ◆ Remove gloves, dispose in biohazard container and wash hands

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