

# GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE

## SAMPLE COLLECTION

- SWAB - THROAT CULTURE / RAPID STREP TEST

### BEFORE COLLECTION

- ◆ Train on procedure and safety
- ◆ Check requisition and patient ID
- ◆ Get supplies
  - Sterile Dacron swab - sterile tongue depressor - holding media
  - culture plate or rapid strep test kit
- ◆ Label media or test cartridge
  - Patient name - unique identifier - date and time collected
- ◆ Wash your hands - put on gloves

### COLLECTION

- ◆ Tell patient they may feel tickling or a gag reflex
- ◆ Have patient open mouth wide
- ◆ Hold the back third of the tongue down
- ◆ Look for swelling, pus, red or white spots
- ◆ Roll swab over the tonsil area

### AFTER COLLECTION

- ◆ Place swab in holding media or, Roll over top 1/3 of culture plate or
- ◆ Follow rapid strep test kit procedure
- ◆ Discard collection materials in biohazard container
- ◆ Remove gloves - dispose in biohazard container - wash hands

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