

## Prepare Patient and Materials

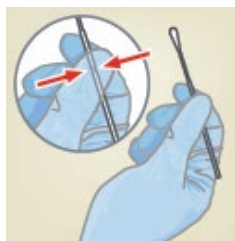
- 1 Perform positive patient identification.  
Instruct the patient to blow their nose.  
Open the package that contains the swab and transport medium tube. Set the tube aside before collecting the specimen.



- 2 Open the swab wrapper and remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip of the swab to any surface.

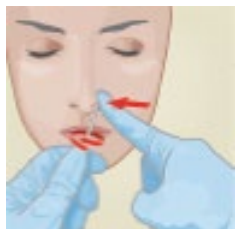


- 3 Hold the swab in your hand, pinching in the middle of the swab shaft on the scoreline.

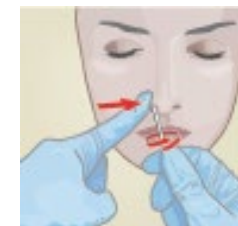


## Collect the Specimen

- 4 Rotate swab against the inside of the nostril for 3 seconds while applying pressure with a finger to the outside of the nostril. Do not insert the swab more than 1-1.5 cm.

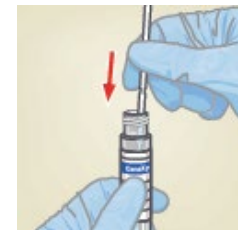


- 5 Repeat the collection step on the other nostril with the same swab.

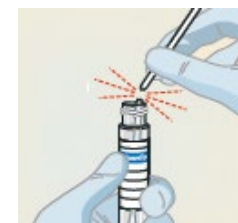


To avoid specimen contamination, do not touch the swab tip to anything after collecting the specimen.

- 6 Remove the cap from the tube. Insert the swab into the transport medium.



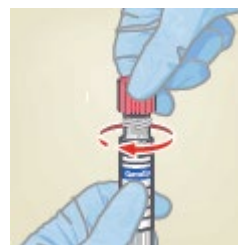
- 7 Break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline.



Avoid splashing contents on the skin.

## Label Specimen

- 8 Replace the cap on the tube and close tightly. **Inspect the cap to ensure lid is not mis-threaded.**



Label the specimen (include source as nasal).  
Specimen should be transported at 2-8 °C.