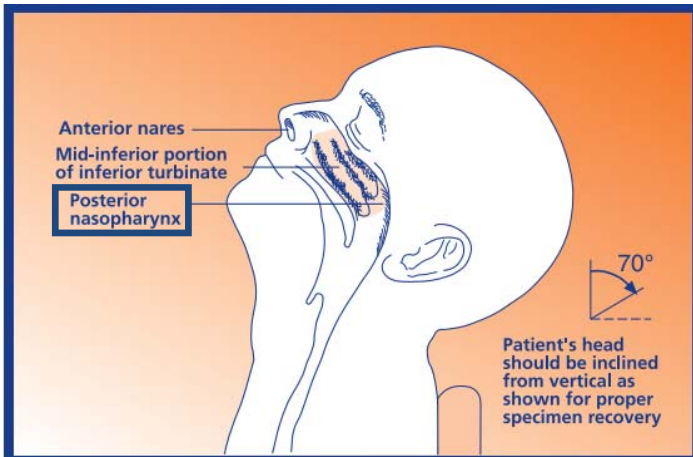


# NASOPHARYNGEAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION



## Universal Viral Transport Media (VTM)

VTM can be used with Nasopharyngeal (NP) specimens for the Comprehensive Respiratory Panel by PCR and the Influenza A/B and RSV by PCR.

**Tube Type:**  
VTM



## Nasopharyngeal Swab Method

### Materials:

Flexible Minitip Flocked Swab

1-3 mL BD™ Universal Viral Transport (UVT)

1. Insert swab into one nostril.
2. Rotate swab over surface of posterior nasopharynx.
3. Withdraw swab from collection site; insert into transport tube or container with UVT.
4. Repeating procedure for the second nostril will deliver optimal combined sample.
5. After collection, immediately transport specimen to the laboratory for viral testing and viral antigen detection. If transport to the laboratory is delayed, place specimen on ice or in refrigeration.

