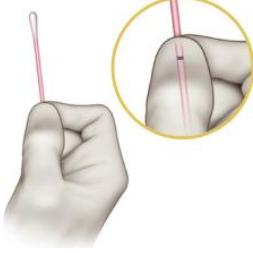


Job Aide - Nasal Swab Collection

Pre-Procedure	
1. Perform hand hygiene & don PPE	
2. Ask the patient their name and date of birth	
3. Confirm that the specimen container has not expired	
4. Apply the printed label to the specimen container	
Intra-Procedure	
5. Partially open the swab package and remove swab. Hold swab with thumb and forefinger in the middle of the shaft, covering the score line.	
6. Insert the swab into the first nostril until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall. Repeat the same technique in the second nostril.	 
7. Hold swab in hand & unscrew specimen container cap. Immediately place swab into specimen container and break the shaft off at the score line. Discard top portion of shaft. Screw the cap onto the specimen container tightly.	
Post-Procedure	
8. Offer the patient facial tissue	
9. Remove and discard gloves	
10. Perform hand hygiene	