

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OROPHARYNGEAL (THROAT) SAMPLE COLLECTION USING ESWAB™

COLLECTION SUPPLIES

- Swab (1)
- Tube of medium (1)



COLLECT THE SAMPLE



Wash hands with soap and water and don personal protective equipment.



1 Remove the swab from its packaging, holding by the end of the applicator and identify the breaking point.



2 Position head slightly back.



3 Depress the tongue so that the back of the throat can be seen.



4 Rub the swab up and down against the back of the throat, avoiding the tongue and cheeks.

PACKAGE THE SAMPLE



5 While holding the swab, remove the cap from the tube.

- Insert the swab into the tube until the breakpoint is level with the tube opening.
- Bend the swab shaft at a 180 degrees angle to break it off at the breaking point. You may need to gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage.



6 Discard the broken part of the applicator into an approved waste disposal container.



7 Screw the cap back onto the tube and apply patient identification label or write patient information on the tube label.



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