

Nasopharyngeal Collection

1. Have patient sit with their head back and looking at the ceiling.
2. Insert plain NP swab into posterior NP area backward and upward along nasal system until resistance is met. Gently rotate swab for a few seconds or until patient coughs or sneezes. Remove swab and repeat in the other nostril with the same swab.
3. Place swab in collection transport tube.
4. Appropriately label tubes



Pertussis Swab



Flu Swab

Note: Patient Identification and Proper Tube Labeling should be done on all collected patient specimens.