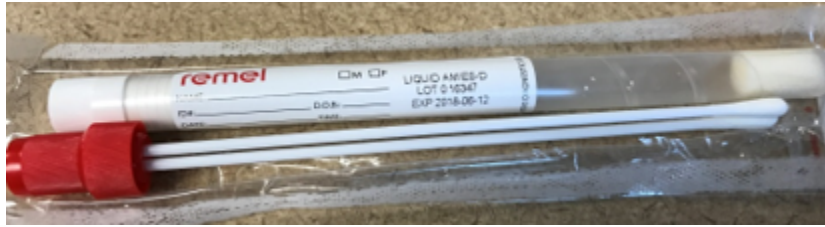


## Throat Culture/ Upper Respiratory collection

1. Have patient sit, open mouth and stick out tongue
2. Extend the swabs between the tonsillar pillars and behind the uvula (avoid contact with the teeth, gums, cheeks or tongue area) to minimize contamination with normal flora. Sampling from the back of the throat and any white patches in the tonsil area.
3. Insert swabs into media storage case
4. Appropriately label tubes



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