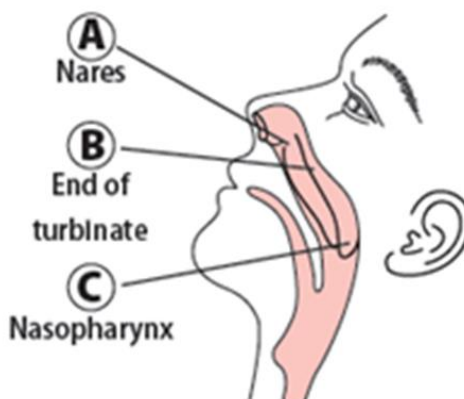


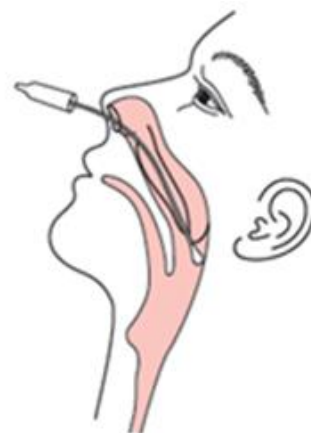
## NASOPHARYNGEAL COLLECTION GUIDE

Use for respiratory pathogens including COVID-19



### Nasopharyngeal Swab Collection

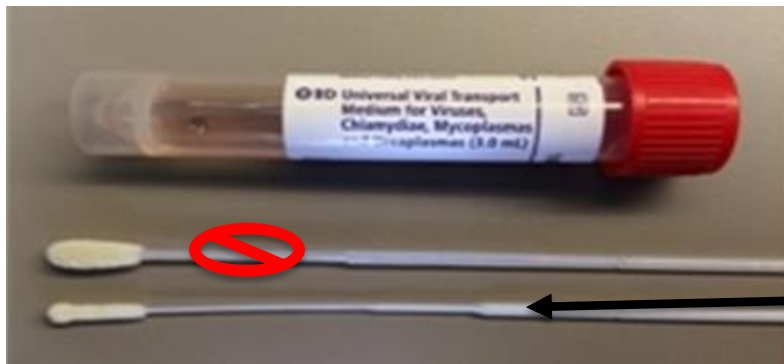
1. Tip the patient's head back and check to see which nostril has more mucus (head should be inclined from vertical as shown to ensure proper specimen collection). **It is important to obtain as much secretion as possible.**
2. Gently insert mini-tip swab from Universal Viral Transport kit into nares.
3. Keep the swab near the septum floor of the nose while gently pushing the swab into the posterior nasopharynx.
4. Rotate the swab several times and remove from the nostril.
5. Place single swab in Universal Viral Media and break off at notch.
6. Cap media tube.
7. Label specimen with patient's full name, Date of Birth, source, and date/time collected.
8. Store refrigerated.
9. Respiratory Viruses stable 3 days refrigerated.



## Nasopharyngeal Swab Collection Kit

Use the **mini-tip swab** included in the Universal Viral Transport kit. Do not use cotton or wooden shafted swabs. The **mini-tip swab** is soft and flexible and ideal for small openings like nasopharyngeal collection.

**Discard the regular tip swab.**



**Mini- Tip Swab**