

Winter 2017

RESPIRATORY VIRUS SWABS

For adults and children, one nasopharyngeal swab.

NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS

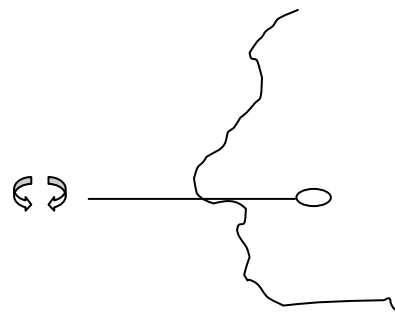
**Use Blue flexible pernasal swab.
Oracle code 147201**

Rest back of patient's head against wall or bed.

Insert swab 4-5 cm into nose in horizontal direction.

Rotate swab 3 x each way.

Pertussis testing can be performed on this swab



“Throat” swabs will NOT be tested for virus.

Sounds logical for sore throat but we don't get enough virus from these.

Send a NPS instead.

For Group A Strep use a bacterial swab.

“Nasal” and “Low Nose” swabs will NOT be tested.

Less discomfort but also less virus present

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