

To provide guidelines for accurate specimen collection for MRSA and MSSA testing.

1. Use the Stuarts media aerobic culturette (red cap double culture swab).
2. Insert both swabs approximately one inch into the nares and rotate 5 times.
3. Using the same collection device, insert both swabs in to the second nares and rotate 5 times.
4. Return swabs to container, label with two identifiers and transport to laboratory immediately.

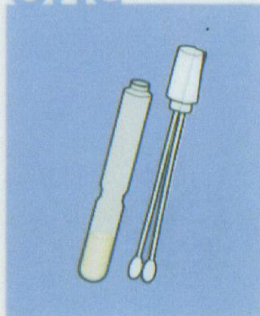
M3.7.3 MRSA CULTURE SCREEN

Appendix A

## BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA

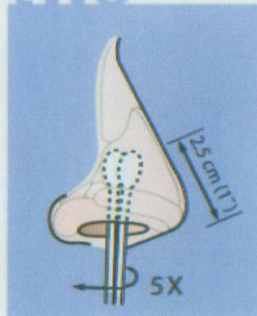
### Nasal Specimen Collection Protocol

one



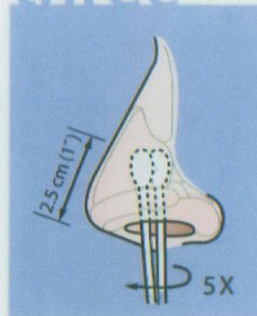
Use BBL™ CultureSwab™ Liquid Stuart (cat# 220099) or BBL™ CultureSwab™ Liquid Aimes (cat# 220093) to collect the nasal specimen.

two



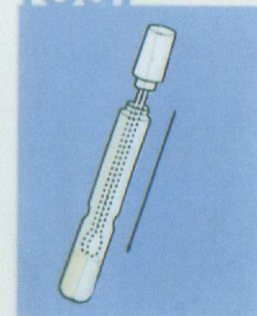
Carefully insert the swab into the patient's nostril (the swab tip must be inserted up to 2.5 cm [1 inch] from the edge of the nares), or until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (**which might be slightly less than that in some neonates and infants**). Roll the swab 5 times.

three



Insert the same swab into the second nostril and repeat sampling as in the preceding step.

four



Return swab to its container and send to the laboratory immediately.

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