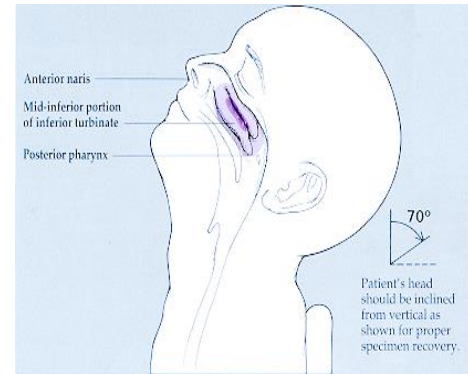


- Collection

- Collect by nasopharyngeal swab using Dacron, rayon or polyester swab.  
(Do not use cotton or Calcium alginate)
- Nasal washings are no longer required/performed
- Bend shaft to follow curve of nasopharynx
- Insert through nostril to posterior nasopharynx
- Rotate swab several times
- Cut swab off into viral tube
- **Cannot be collected by phlebotomist/lab technician**



- Labeling

- patient name, date of birth or MR#, date and time of collection, source and initials of person collecting specimen

- Transport

- Refrigerate samples until picked up by courier



- ❖ UTM media
- ❖ Epic code:
  - B. Pertussis / B. Para Pertussis PCR (Bordetella Pertussis)
  - Influenza AB and RSV by PCR

- ❖ **NOTE: DFA is not the recommended methodology for the diagnosis of Bordetella Pertussis due to low sensitivity. CDC recommends PCR testing for the diagnosis of Bordetella Pertussis.**