

# Anterior Nasal Sample Collection Instructions

## Principle

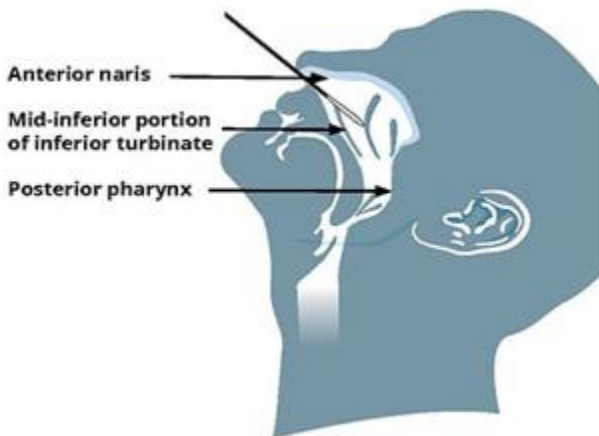
Proper specimen collection and handling is vital to providing accurate results. The sample type is specific to the test being requested. Refer to the test information as to what sample type is required.

## Safety Precautions

Universal precautions and infection control practices should be followed while collecting any patient samples.

## Procedure

- Insert the entire collection tip of the swab provided (usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch, or 1 to 1.5 cm) inside the nostril.
- Note: swab insertion distance may differ for pediatric patients
- Firmly sample the nasal wall by rotating the swab in a circular path against the nasal wall at least 4 times.
- Take approximately 15 seconds to collect the specimen. Be sure to collect any nasal drainage that may be present on the swab.
- Repeat in the other nostril using the same swab.
- Place swab, tip first, into the transport tube provided.
- Immediately label transport tube with two patient identifiers.



## References:

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