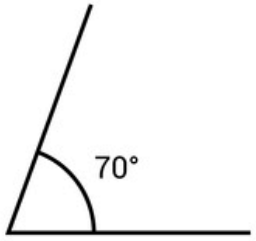
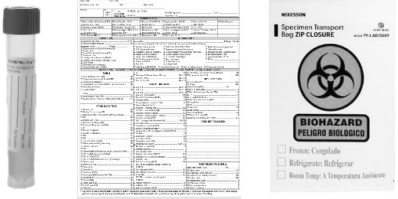
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Laboratories

COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS
Nasopharyngeal

Action	*Image*
Prepare Patient: ✓ Disclose to patient that the procedure is uncomfortable. ✓ Instruct patient to tilt head back and look towards the ceiling for a 70° extension. ✓ Place hand on back of neck if able to help support patient.	
Collect Specimen: ✓ Pass the swab gently through the more patent nostril about 3" to 4" into the nasopharynx, keeping the swab near the septum and the floor of the nose parallel to the palate. **Stop when resistance is met and do not force!** ✓ Gently rub and roll the swab and leave in place for 10 – 15 seconds before removing. ✓ Place swab in transport media. Break or cut the handle end of the swab off so that it fits in the vial. Place cap on vial.	
Label specimen container (not lid): ✓ Patient Legal Full Name (Last, First) ✓ Patient Date of Birth ✓ Collection Date/Time	Patient Legal Name: Last, First Patient Date of Birth: 00/00/0000 Collection Date/Time: 00/00/0000 00:00 Source: NP
Package and transport specimen to the laboratory: ✓ Place specimen in transport bag with laboratory requisition folded in the front pocket. ✓ Transport to the laboratory within 48 hours room temperature or refrigerated if > 48 hours.	

For a complete guide to test specimen requirements, handling, stability, and transport see Munson Test Catalog.
For referral testing see Mayo test catalog.

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