

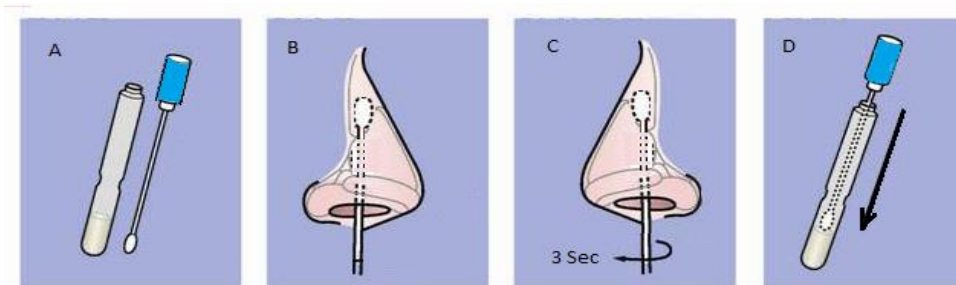


Nasal Culture Collection Procedure

Supplies needed:

1. Microbiology Dx test requisition
2. Remel®BactiSwab™ sterile transport swab with TransPorter™ package
3. Biohazard zip-lock bag
4. Gloves
5. TuffGard® bubble-wrap envelope
6. USPS pre-addressed mailer

Procedure:



1. Complete the Microbiology Dx test requisition. Be sure to include name, address, phone number, date of collection, test(s) requested and payment information.
2. Put on the supplied vinyl gloves.
3. Remove TransPorter™ tube from the packaging.
4. Label the TransPorter™ tube with the patient's name, date of birth and date collected.
5. Remove the collection swab with blue top from package. (A)
6. Insert the swab 1 to 2 inches into nostril. (B)
7. Rotate the swab for three seconds.(C)
8. Using the same swab, repeat for the other nostril (optional).
9. Remove the white cap from the TransPorter™ tube.
10. Insert the swab with blue top firmly into the TransPorter™ tube, ensuring that the tip of the swab is in contact with the material at the end of the tube and squeeze the end of the tube around the tip. Make sure the blue cap is secured onto the TransPorter™ tube. (D)
11. Open the zip-lock area of the biohazard bag, insert the TransPorter™ tube and seal the bag.
12. Place the completed requisition in the pocket of the biohazard bag.
13. Place the biohazard bag with specimen and requisition into the white TuffGard® bubble-wrap envelope and seal.
14. Place the TuffGard® envelope in the USPS Priority mailer, seal, *supply postage* and mail to Microbiology Dx.

Note: Both Nares(MARCoNS) and Fungal testing can be done using one swab