



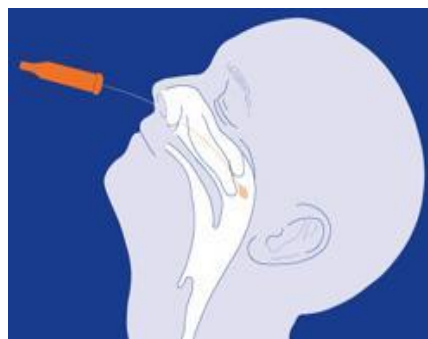
## Nasal Culture Collection Procedure (Nasopharyngeal)

### Supplies needed:

1. Microbiology Dx test requisition
2. Remel® BactiSwab™ wire shaft transport swab..
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.
2. Put on the supplied rubber gloves.
3. Remove swab from the packaging.
4. Label the BactiSwab™ tube with the patient's name, date of birth and date collected.
5. Bend the wire shaft of swab to follow curve of the nasopharynx
6. Insert the swab through nostril to posterior of the nasopharynx (same distance as from nostrils to external opening of ear).
7. Rotate the swab for three seconds.
8. Using the same swab, repeat for the other nostril (optional).
9. Remove the cap of the Remel® BactiSwab™ tube. Insert the swab firmly into the 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.
10. Open the zip-lock area of the biohazard bag, insert the TransPorter™ tube and seal the bag.
11. Place the completed requisition in the pocket of the biohazard bag.
12. Place the biohazard bag with specimen and requisition in the white TuffGard® envelope and seal.
13. 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