

# NASOPHARYNGEAL COLLECTION FOR RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

## USE VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA (VTM)

1. Patient's head should be inclined from a vertical as shown.
2. Insert mini-tip swab from the VTM collection kit into one nostril.
3. Press swab tip on the mucosal surface of the mid-inferior portion of the inferior turbinate, and rub the swab tip several times across the mucosal surface to loosen and collect cellular material.
4. Withdraw swab; insert into the VTM and snap swab off and secure top.
5. Transport to the laboratory **ASAP**. Place specimen on ice or in the refrigerator if delay is expected.



MicroGen<sup>™</sup> / Swab Combo  
Contains One Per Envelope:  
• Stainless Steel/Plastic Unsharpened Swab  
• Plastic Applicator Swab  
STERILE if Contents Remains Uncolored

MICRO TEST

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PATIENT INFORMATION	SPECIMEN COLLECTION
Name: Last Name, First Name	SHIP ALL SPECIMENS AT 2-8° C IMMEDIATELY TO THE LABORATORY.
Medical Record No.	
Patient Location	
Physician	SWABS: Place swab in media and break swab shaft at scored mark.
Clinical Diagnosis	
Site of Specimen: Nasal	BODY FLUIDS: Add 1-3 ml to the media.
Time: 8:00 Am Date: 2/20/03	
Test(s) Required	WHOLE FECES: Place a pea-sized portion in media.
Patient: Last Name, First Name	Place a media.
Physician: Last Name, First Name	ALL
Date Collected: 2/20/03	RT.

RESULTS TO MICRO TEST

Example of viral transport media

*Modified from RGH microbiology lab document*