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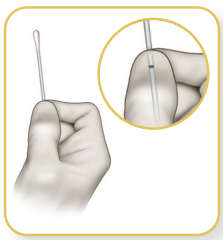
Aptima® & Panther Fusion® Swab Specimen Collection

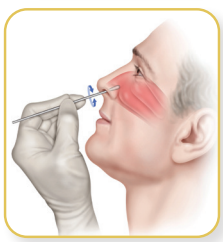
Clinician collection procedure guide*

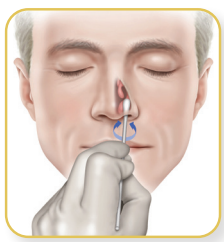
For COVID testing with nasal swab specimens

A nasal swab can be collected and placed in VTM, UTM, STM, saline or liquid Amies for COVID testing.

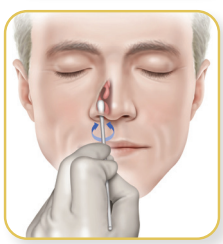


Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down. If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped, discard and get a new swab specimen collection kit. **Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of swab shaft over score line if it is present**. Do not hold the swab shaft below the score line.

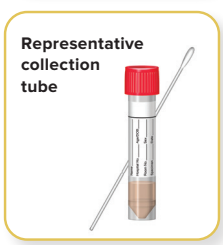




Carefully insert the swab into the first nostril until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall and remove from nostril.



Using the same swab, carefully insert the swab into the second nostril until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril). Rotate the swab a few times against the nasal wall and remove from nostril.



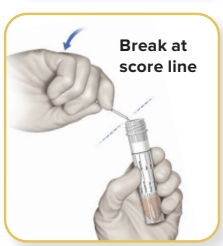
While holding the swab in hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill the tube contents. Place the swab specimen into 3mL of VTM/UTM.

VTM/UTM That Can Be Used:

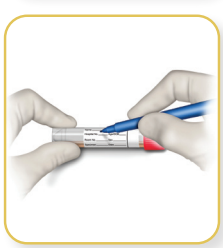
- ✓ Remel MicroTest M4, M4RT, M5 or M6 formulations
- ✓ Copan Universal Transport Medium
- ✓ BD Universal Viral Transport Medium

Acceptable Alternatives:

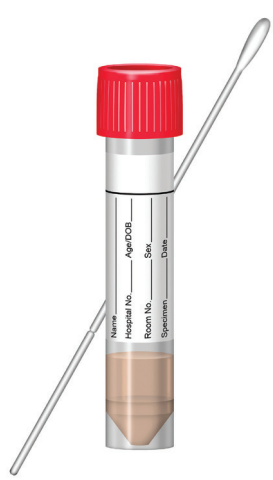
- ✓ Liquid Amies
- ✓ Saline
- ✓ Specimen Transport Medium



Immediately place the swab into the transport tube and seal. If score line is present, break swab at the score line at the top of the tube. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the shaft. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube.



Use label to provide a unique identification for the specimen. After collection, specimens can be stored at 2°C to 8°C up to 96 hours.



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