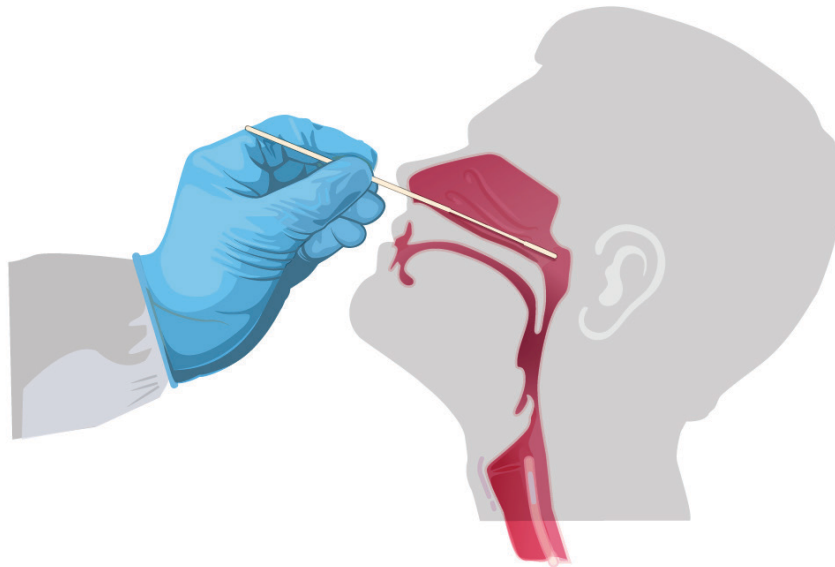


## Collection Instructions Nasopharyngeal Swab



1. Wash hands and wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
2. Aseptically remove sterile swab from package.
3. Tilt patient's head back slightly to straighten nasal passage.
4. Insert swab straight back horizontally to the nasopharynx until resistance is met.
5. Rotate swab up to 5 times and hold in place 5-10 seconds to collect sample.
6. Place swab into the transport medium and break off handle where indicated.
7. Cap tightly, label with patient name and one other unique identifier.
8. Complete the Incyte requisition.
9. Refrigerate specimen until ready for transport to the lab.

TRANSPORT REFRIGERATED IN COOLER OR WITH COOL PACKS TO MAINTAIN 2-8° C