

Collection

- A. Obtain a sterile unopened, Liquid Stuart swab.
- B. Peel back the package until the applicator and transtube caps are exposed.
- C. Tell patient to tilt head back.
- D. Remove applicator (swab) and gently insert the sterile swab until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (less than one inch into the nostril).
- E. Carefully insert the swab into the patient's nostril (the swab tip must be inserted less than 1 inch from the edge of the nares), or until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (which might be slightly less than that in some neonates and infants). Roll the swab 5 times.
- F. Insert the same swab into the second nostril and repeat sampling as in the preceding step.
- G. Place swab in transport device container.
- H. Label the specimen in the presence of the patient with patient's name, identifying number, specimen source, time, date, and collector's initials.

