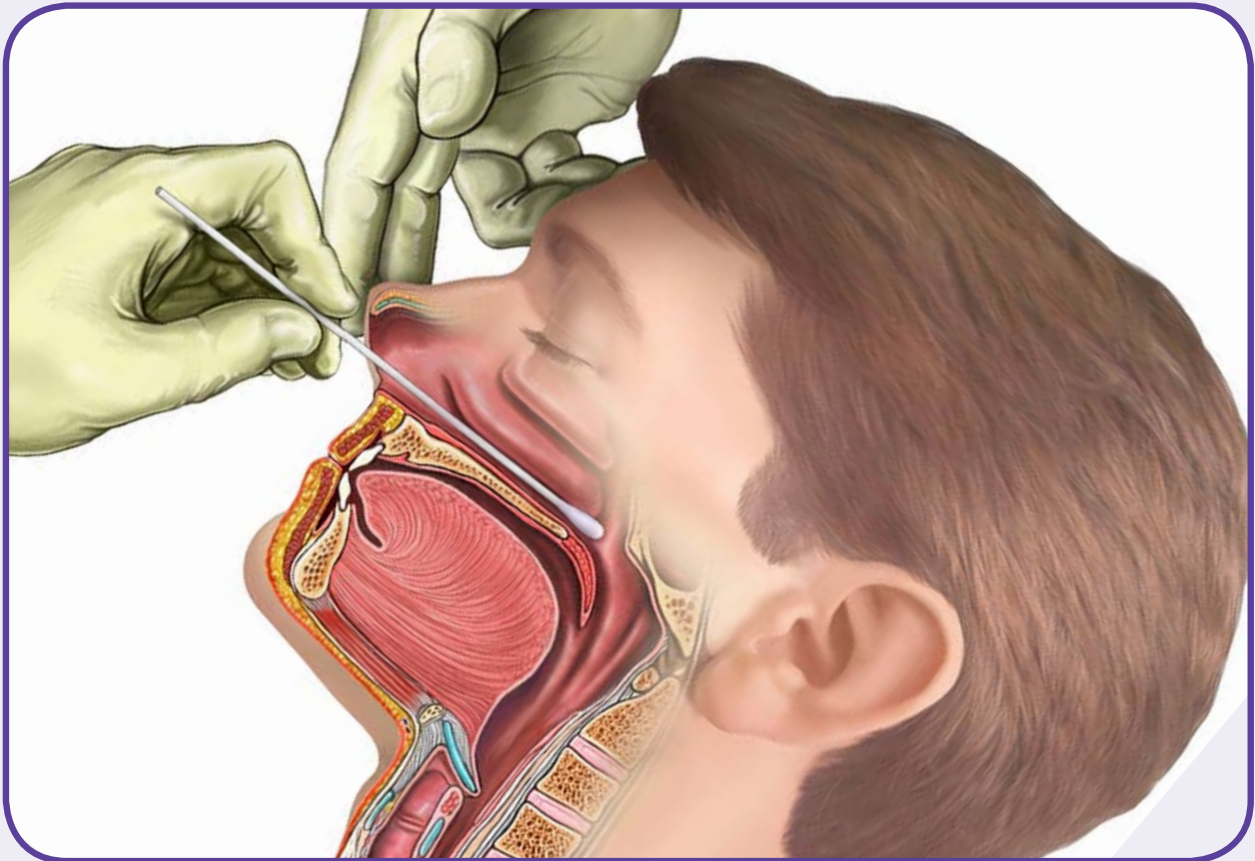


NASOPHARYNGEAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Influenza and other viruses



- 1 Check expiration date of transport medium in the virus collection kit
- 2 Gently bend the flexible wire swab while still in package to give it a slight arc
- 3 With the patient/resident's head leaning gently back, place swab into one nostril
- 4 Insert 4-6 cm (about one-half the distance from the tip of the nose to the tip of the earlobe)
- 5 Press the swab tip on the mucosal surface as shown above
- 6 Rub back and forth five times – leave in place for five seconds to absorb material
- 7 Withdraw swab and place in transport media – cut excess wire with scissors
- 8 Complete the requisition in full including onset date of symptoms and if outbreak has been declared use assigned outbreak number