

## Cultura COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT SYSTEM

## **STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS**





STEP 1: Wash hands and wear appropriate personal protective equipment.



**STEP 2**: Aseptically remove the sterile swab from package.



**STEP 3**: Estimate the angle and depth of swab insertion (tip of the nose to the earlobe).



**STEP 4**: Tilt the patient's head back slightly to provide better access to the nasal passage. This positioning will improve visibility to ensure smoother advancement of the swab along the nasal floor.



**STEP 5**: Proper hand placement at the proximal end of the swab will aid in proper advancement of the swab with the desired angle to facilitate sampling and preserve patient comfort.

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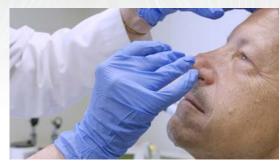
**STEP 6**: Point the tip of the swab towards the direction of the earlobe.



**NOTE**: Improper hand positioning may result in challenges advancing the swab properly along the nasal floor.



**STEP 7**: Ensure the swab follows along the floor of the nose and septum, advancing the tip of the swab towards the earlobe until resistance is met. Do not use force.



**STEP 8**: Gently rotate the swab up to 5 times and hold in place 5-10 seconds to collect sample. Slowly rotate as the swab is withdrawn.



**STEP 9**: Place swab into the viral transport medium and break off handle where indicated (place red indicator mark at top edge of vial and bend).



**STEP 10**: Cap tightly, label with patient information and deliver to lab for testing.

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