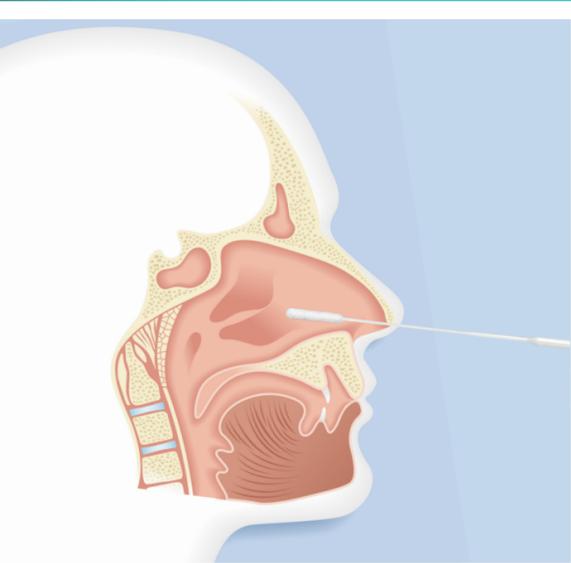


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A Handy Reference for Proper Influenza Sample Collection

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Choose a swab with a flexible plastic handle and flock tip, such as Puritan's 25-3317-U.

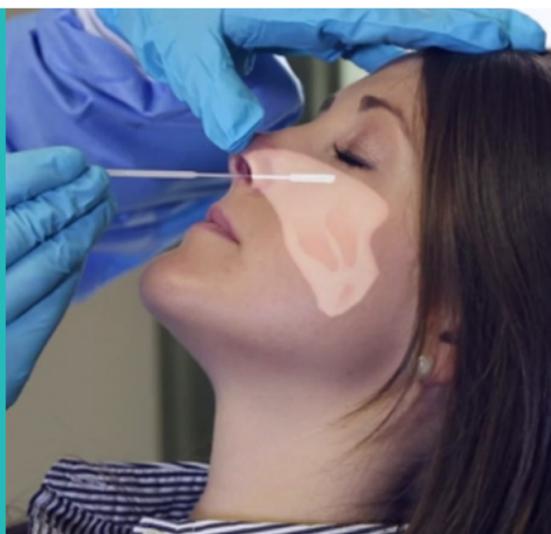


2

Insert swab into one nostril straight back (not upwards) and horizontally to the nasopharynx up to the measured distance on the swab handle.

3

Rotate the swab up to 5 times and hold in place for 5-10 seconds to collect sample material.



4

Remove swab and insert into a vial containing 1-3ml of viral transport media.

5

Break the swab handle at scored breakpoint line.



6

Label the vial with appropriate patient information.

There are certainly exceptions to the types of swabs and procedures described above, but we hope you'll reference this general overview whenever you need a refresher.

Have more questions about swabbing for the flu, or about any of Puritan's disposable medical products? Please don't hesitate to contact us today to speak with one of our lab specialists or sales representatives. Happy swabbing!

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