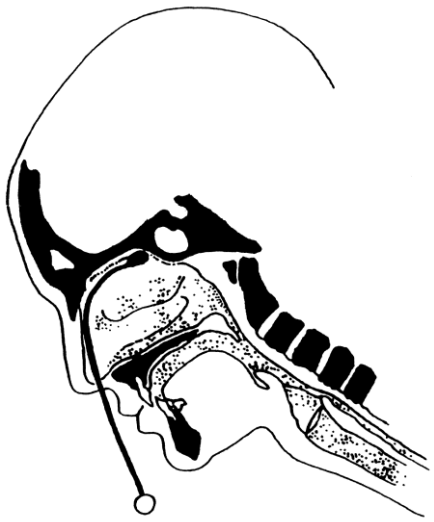
Collection of Nasopharyngeal Specimens

Collection Supplies:

- Viral UTM transport media kit with swab -obtain from Microbiology (314.996.5462)

Collection Instructions:

1. Wear Mask when collecting specimen as the patient is likely to cough.
2. Immobilize the patient's head and insert the mini tip swab through a nostril. Push forward using gentle downward pressure to keep the swab on the floor of the nasal cavity until the tip reaches the posterior wall of the nasopharynx. Rotate the swab gently for a few seconds and remove. Collect from only one nostril.
3. Insert the swab into the liquid transport medium and break off the shaft of the swab that is sticking out of the vial. Replace the cap and label the vial with the appropriate patient information.
4. Send specimen to Microbiology immediately with an appropriate order**.**



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