

New for Winter 2015

RESPIRATORY VIRUS SWABS

For adults, one nasopharyngeal swab.
For paediatrics, two low nose swabs.

Throat swabs and nasal swabs from adults will **NOT** be tested.

NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS

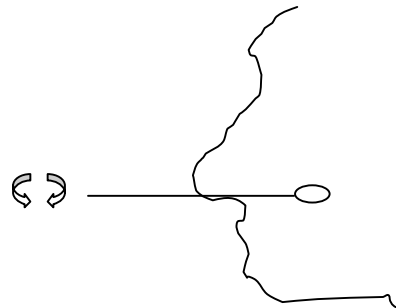
Use Blue NO GEL flexible pernasal swab. Oracle code 147201

Rest back of patient's head against wall or bed.

Insert swab 4-5 cm into nose in horizontal direction.

Rotate swab 3 x each way.

Pertussis testing can be performed on this swab



LOW NOSE SWABS

Use Green top virus tube, rigid swab. Oracle code 179109

Remove mucus/gunk first.

Insert swab 2 cm into nose, but not so far as to be uncomfortable.

Rotate 2-3 x each way.

Put swab into a tube of virus transport medium (Green top virus tube)

