

Pharyngitis Panel

Collection Method Specifications



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COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Collection of Oropharyngeal Swabs

1. Using laboratory gloves, remove the sterile swab from its plastic packaging. Avoid touching the swab applicator below the molded breakpoint as this could lead to contamination and incorrect test results.

a. Collecting an Oropharyngeal Swab

- i. Have the patient sit with head tilted slightly backward.
- ii. Insert flock swab into the posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas.
- iii. Rub the swab over both tonsillar pillars and the posterior oropharynx.
- iv. Avoid touching the tongue, teeth, and gums.

2. Place Flock Swab immediately into a sterile vial containing DTPM MTM transporting medium. If two samples are collected from the same patient, both swabs can be placed in the same vial.

3. Aseptically, cut or break applicator sticks off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap. Avoid freezing specimen.

4. Label the vial with the patient's first and last name, date of birth, the date and time the sample was collected, and the specimen type. Additional comments may also be added.

a. Specimen Identity: The identity of each patient is confirmed by matching the requisition forms with the patient's first and last name, date of birth, specimen type and date of collection on each sample.

****Keep patient samples at room temperature. Do Not Freeze patient sample.***

****Patient samples must be received at the laboratory within 72 hours of collection.***

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Confirm that the information on the completed Infectious Diseases Test Requisition Form matches the swab container.
2. Place the swab container into the Bio-hazard Bag along with the Test Request Form
3. The specimen is now ready for shipment via FedEx or courier.