**INSTRUCTION FOR COLLECTING THROAT SWAB**

1. Label the tube with preservation solution legibly with the patient ID.
2. Remove the sterile swab from the protective packaging. Hold the swab firmly by the handle. DO NOT place the swab on any surface once it is removed from the protective packaging.
3. Use the swab to collect specimen by swabbing the patient’s posterior pharynx and tonsillar area (avoid the uvula or the small tongue).
4. Place the swab into the vial with preservation solution. Ensure the tip of the swab must be immersed in the liquid and is locked.
5. Break the swab shaft by hand to fit it inside the vial.
6. Securely tighten the cap and recheck to make certain it is labelled.
7. Insert tube into specimen transport box and close the box tightly. Keep the vial vertically up right all the time.
8. Store the swab specimens in the refrigerator (2-8 °C) and send to the laboratory.
9. Store the mixed specimen at 4-8°C for short term storage up to 72 hours and under

-15°C for long term storage.

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1 V-swab (sterilized, wooden shaft)

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