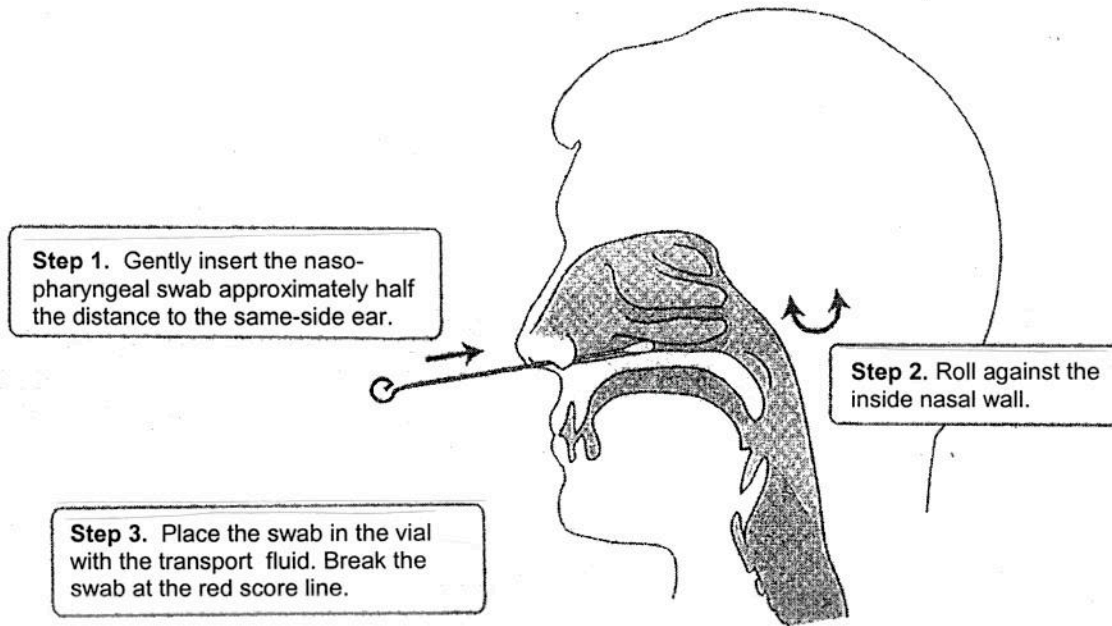


## Nasopharyngeal Swab Collection for Influenza and/ or RSV

Collection of a Nasopharyngeal Swab  
Swab UTM Kit (Universal Transport Medium)  
For the Collection and Preservation of Influenza Viruses.



Use a UTM kit (Universal Transport Medium) kit. Gently insert the swab along the floor of either nostril, beneath the inferior turbinate, aiming toward the same side earlobe, the swab should be inserted approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the distance from the nostril to the earlobe (typically 3-5 centimeters, depending on the age and size of the patient). The swab should then be rolled several times against the inside nasal wall and withdrawn.

Place the swab in the UTM liquid fluid and break the swab at the red score line.

The entire process should not be painful; most subjects describe a "tickling" sensation (such as that felt prior to sneezing) when properly performed.