

MARCoNS SWAB

Nasal Culture

Collection Instructions

COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

If you are uncertain of the collection procedure after reading these instructions, please contact our Customer Service on 1300 688 522 who will clearly explain the procedure.

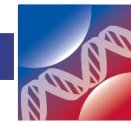
IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **It is recommended that a friend assists you with the collection process.**
- **DO NOT touch the cotton swab once it has been collected.**
- **It is recommended to not collect the sample if you have a viral infection.**

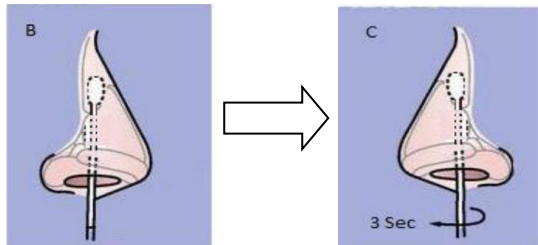
KIT CONTENTS

Check contents of kit. If items are missing OR you have any questions regarding this kit, please contact Customer Service on 1300 688 522.

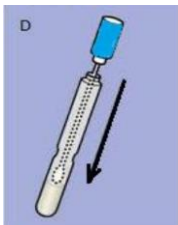
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| 1 x Sterile Swab with transport medium | 1 x Request form |
| 1 x Collection instructions | 1 x Patient Checklist Form |
| 1 x Express Post transport bag | 1 x Specimen Biohazard bag |
| 1x Latex glove | |

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION**

1. Put on the latex glove that is provided in the collection kit.
2. Open the sterile wrapper containing the swab and transport medium.
3. Carefully remove the transport medium container by holding the white cap.
4. Label the transport medium container with the patient full name, date of birth and time and date of specimen collection.
5. Carefully remove the cotton tipped swab out of the sterile wrapper by holding it by the blue handle.
6. For better access to the nasal passages the patient should be seated. The patient should tilt their head backward and look at the ceiling.
7. Gently insert the swab 5 – 10cm into one nostril as indicated in the diagram below **(B)**. Gently rotate the swab for 3-7 seconds as illustrated in diagram **(C)**



8. Using the same swab repeat the above process for the other nostril.
9. Remove the white cap from the transport medium container and insert the swab firmly into the transport container until a click is heard.



Ensure that the cotton tip of the swab is immersed in the transport medium in the base of the transport container.

10. Squeeze the base of the transport container to ensure there is good contact of the gel with the cotton tip of the swab.
11. Place the swab into the resealable section of the specimen transport biohazard bag.
12. Ensure your original NutriPATH request form issued by the healthcare practitioner is completed with patient details (full Name, Date of Birth, address, payment details). Place the request form into the open compartment of the specimen transport bag.
13. Complete the NutriPATH 'Patient Checklist Form' to ensure there are no delays in test results.
14. Place the specimen bag into the Express Prepaid padded envelope and seal it.
15. Send the sample off by placing it in your nearest Express Post Box or by dropping it off to your nearest Post Office.

Thank you for your request, Results will be forwarded to your referring practitioner between 14 to 21 working days, depending on the analyses requested.