



Nares (MRSA)

Collection Procedure

1. Open Culture Swab Plus (Red Cap).
2. Remove cap from tube. Insert both swabs into the transport system to moisten the swabs.
3. Instruct the patient to tilt their head slightly back or lie in a prone position.
4. Carefully insert both swabs into the patient's nostril. (For children <10, remove 1 of the swabs from the red cap.) The swab must be inserted until the fibers are no longer seen or up to one inch.
5. Gently close the nostril and roll the swab 5 times. Release the nostril. Remove swabs.
6. Insert the swab into the other nostril and repeat the process.
7. Return the swabs to the transport container.