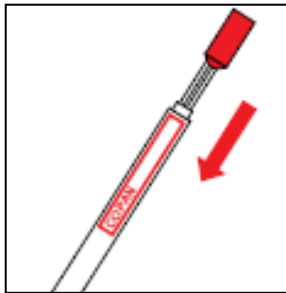


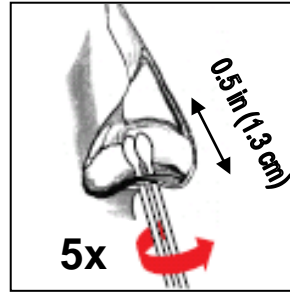
# MRSA Nasal PCR Specimen Collection Guide



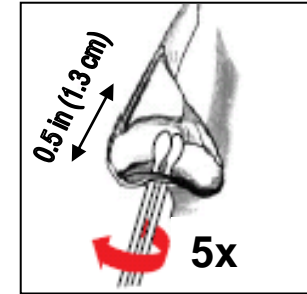
**Step 1:** A Liquid Stuart BactiSwab or a wire Nasopharyngeal Swab must be used to collect the specimen.



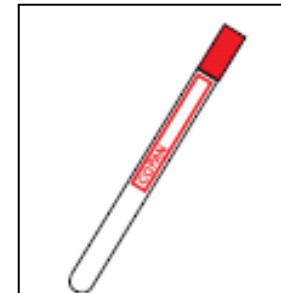
**Step 4:** Return the swabs to their tube and label appropriately.



**Step 2:** Moisten each swab with two drops (about 50  $\mu$ L) of sterile saline or use dry. Gently insert both swabs inside the nostril approximately 0.5 inch or 1.3 cm and rotate against the mucosa five times while applying light pressure on the outside of the nose (to help insure contact).



**Step 3:** Repeat Step 2 in the second nostril with the same swabs.



**Step 5:** Specimens can be transported to the lab at 22 to 25°C. Specimens are stable for 6 days at 22 to 25°C or 5 days at 2 to 6°C.



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