NASOPHARYNGEAL FLOCKED SWABS AND UTM™
HOW TO GUIDE

1) Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves if necessary.

2) Gently insert the swab along the nasal septum just above the floor of the passage to the nasopharynx until resistance is met.

3) Rotate the swab gently against the nasopharyngeal mucosa for 10 - 15 seconds then gently remove swab.

4) After the swab is removed from the patient, place it into the tube of UTM™ transport medium all the way to the bottom of the tube.

5) Hold the tube away from your face. Holding the end of the swab shaft, bend it at a 180 degrees angle to break at the marked breakpoint. If needed, gently twist the shaft between thumb and forefinger to completely remove it.