INSTRUCTIONS FOR OROPHARYNGEAL (THROAT) SAMPLE COLLECTION USING ESWAB™

COLLECTION SUPPLIES

- Swab (1)
- Tube of medium (1)

Place in Throat

Breaking Point

COLLECT THE SAMPLE

Wash hands with soap and water and don personal protective equipment.

1 Remove the swab from its packaging, holding by the end of the applicator and identify the breaking point.
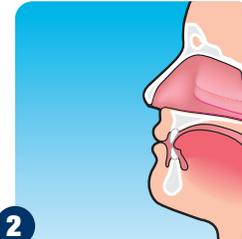
**2** Position head slightly back.
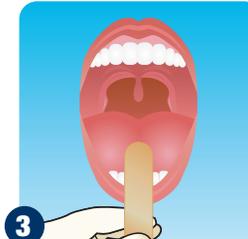
3 Depress the tongue so that the back of the throat can be seen.

4 Rub the swab up and down against the back of the throat, avoiding the tongue and cheeks.

PACKAGE THE SAMPLE
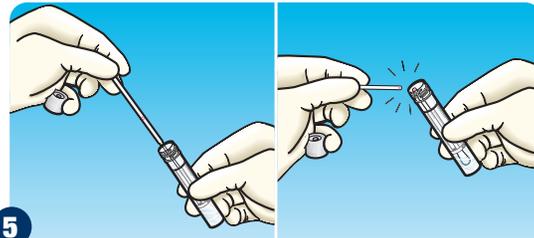
5 While holding the swab, remove the cap from the tube.

- Insert the swab into the tube until the breakpoint is level with the tube opening.
- Bend the swab shaft at a 180 degrees angle to break it off at the breaking point. You may need to gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage.

DISPOSAL

6 Discard the broken part of the applicator into an approved waste disposal container.
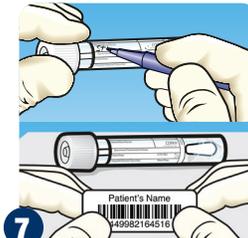
7 Screw the cap back onto the tube and apply patient identification label or write patient information on the tube label.

Wash hands with soap and water.