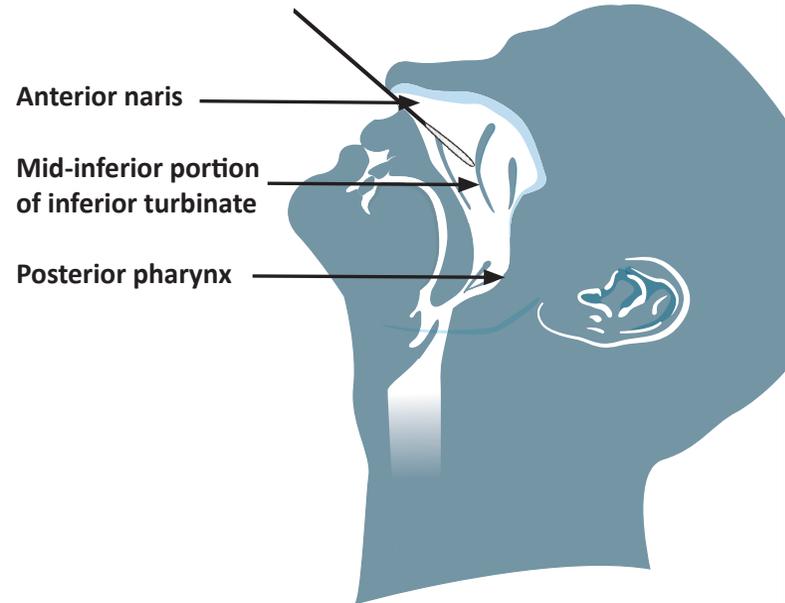


Deep Nasal Specimen Collection Instructions

1. Tilt patient's head back 70°.
2. While gently rotating swab, insert swab about 2.5 cm (>1 in.)* straight back (not up) into nostril until the collar/safety stopping point touches the outside of the nose.
3. Rotate swab several times against the wall.
4. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions.
5. Repeat for both nostrils using same swab.
6. Immediately place in sterile tube containing transport medium.

**Pediatrics: swab insertion distance will differ for pediatric patients.*



In a seated position, tilt the head back at a 70° angle as illustrated in the picture