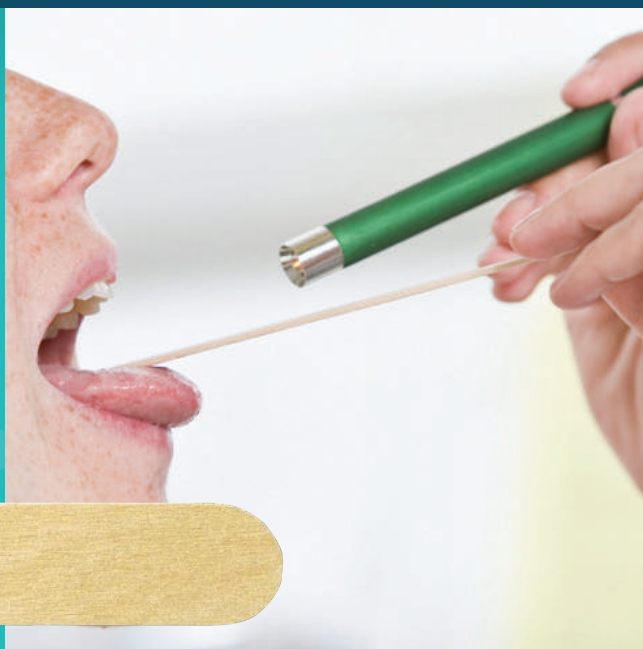


HOW TO COLLECT A THROAT SWAB SPECIMEN

A Handy Reference for Proper Throat Swab Specimen Collection

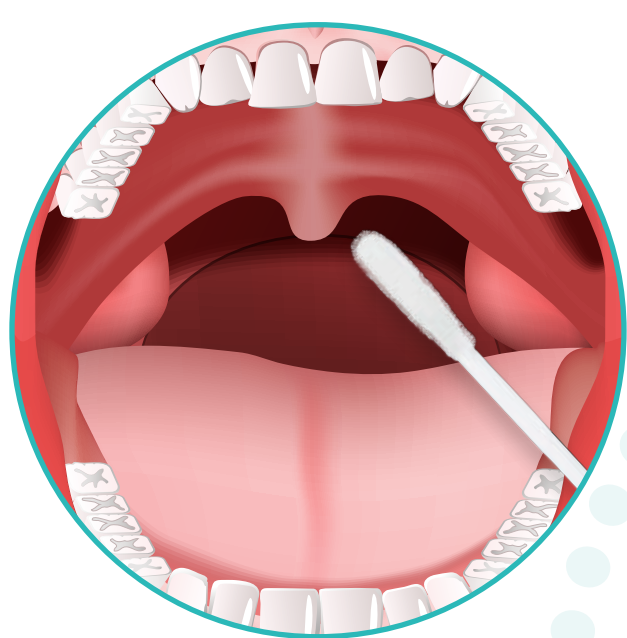
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Have the patient tilt their head backwards, open their mouth, and stick out their tongue. Use a wooden tongue depressor to hold tongue in place.



2

Without touching side of the mouth use a sterile flocked swab (HydraFlock® #(25-3506-H)) to swab the posterior nasopharynx and the tonsillar arches.



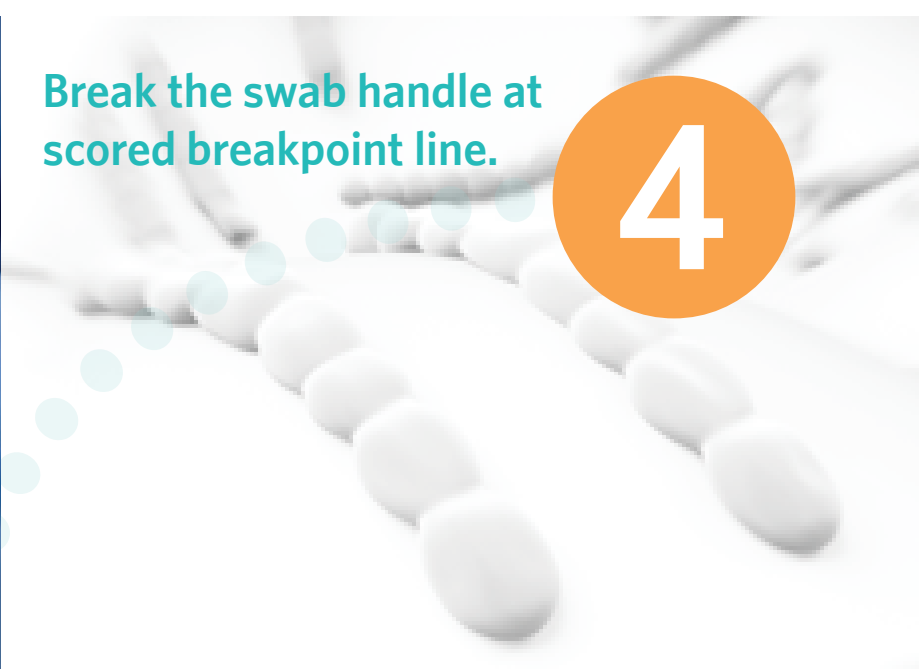
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Insert swab into sterile 1ml of Liquid Amies medium.



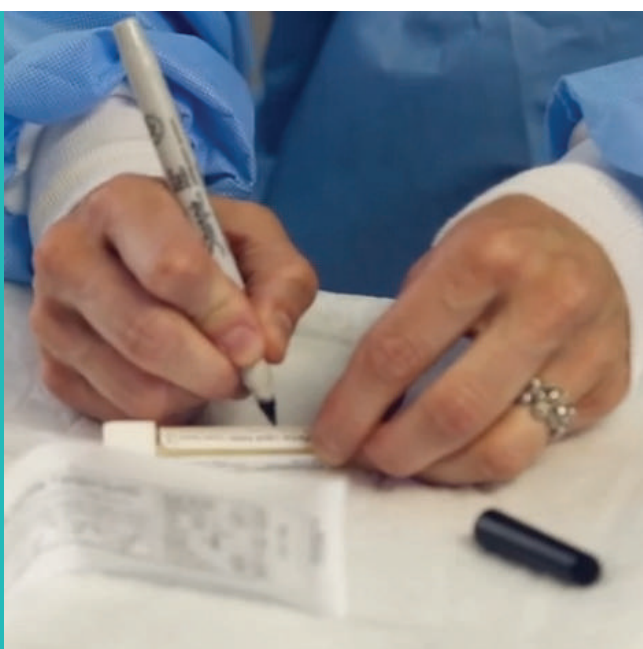
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Break the swab handle at scored breakpoint line.



5

Label vial with the appropriate patient information.



There are certainly exceptions to the types of swabs and procedures described above, but we hope you'll reference this general overview whenever you need a refresher.

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