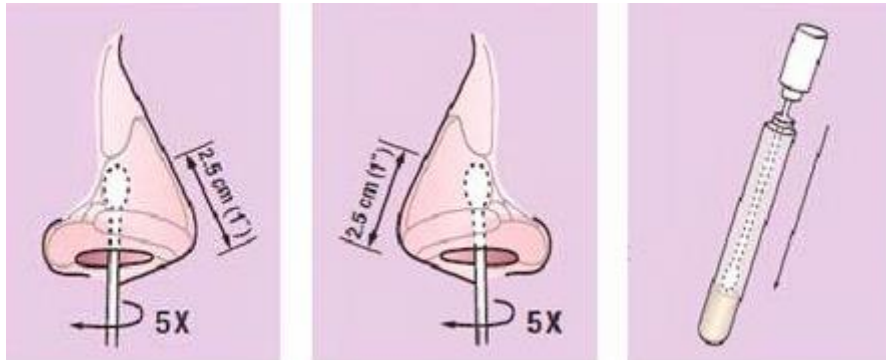


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Collection of MDRO/MRSA Swabs

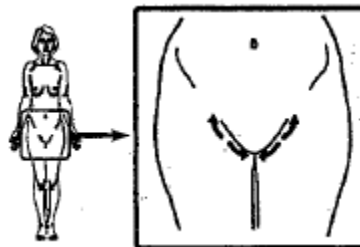
Nose

Use a single swab pre-moistened in sterile saline and sample from the “nose pick” cavity at the base of both left and right nostrils. Rotate swab 5 time in each nostril. Insert swab into transport tube after collection.



Groin

Use a single swab pre-moistened in sterile saline and rub firmly several times over the left and right groin areas. Insert swab into transport tube after collection. Wash your hands well with soap and water.



Other infected skin areas

Use a separate swab pre-moistened in sterile saline to sample any other broken skin areas, especially any dermatitis or inflamed skin, weeping skin sores, crusted skin lesions, or other surface wounds.

The umbilicus should be swabbed in neonates.

If you require further information regarding your test procedure, please contact the Laboratory.

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