Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora
Taranaki

Patient Information Guide

Rectal Swab Collection for MDRO

Collection Procedure

1. Use a single eSwab, moisten swab by inserting into media at the bottom of the tube.
2. Get into a position that gives you the easiest access to your anus.
3. Carefully insert the swab into the rectum to a depth of 3 – 4cm
4. Gently rotate the swab in a circle 2 or 3 times, touching the walls of the rectum.
5. Remove and examine to make sure there is faecal material visible on the tip of the swab. If not, the collection must be repeated.
6. Once faecal matter is visible insert the swab back into the container, snap the swab at the red mark. Replace cap on tube and secure tightly.
7. Label with full name, NHI/DOB and time and date of collection

NOTE: If unable to collect a rectal swab, a faeces specimen is acceptable. Please discuss with a staff member.

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

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