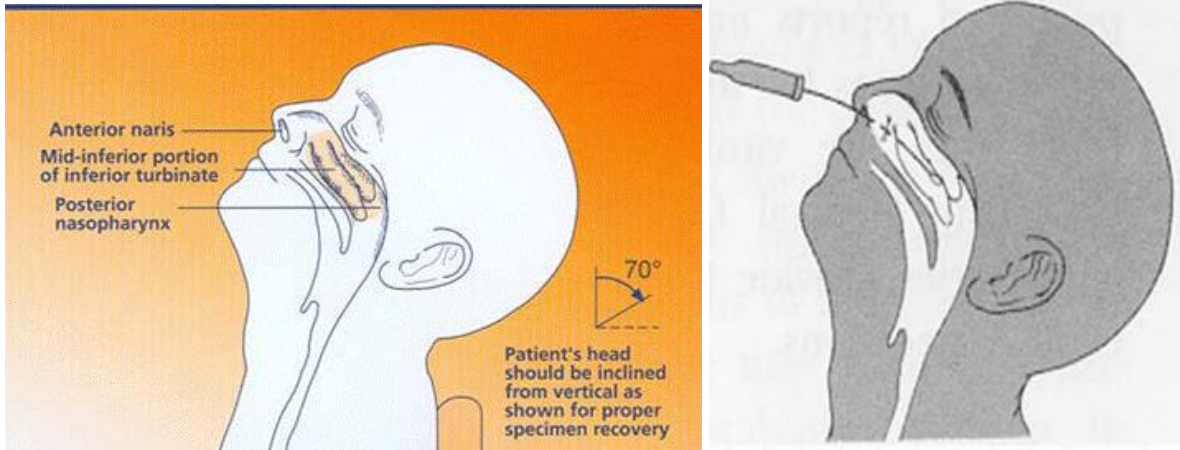


## Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection Instructions

### HOW to collect a Nasopharyngeal Swab:

1. Insert swab straight back (not upwards) to the nasopharynx until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates. Rotate the swab gently 2-3 times and withdraw slowly.



2. Place the swab in the transport media, break off the end of swab so that it fits in the container.
3. Specimens **MUST** be properly labeled with:
  - a. patient full name AND date of birth
  - b. "NP" for the specimen source/site
  - c. collection date and time
  - d. initials of collector
4. Bag specimen. Store and transport critical refrigerated.