

Checklist for Skill 9. Nasopharyngeal Swab

Name _____ Date _____

School _____

Instructor _____

Course _____

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General Guidelines for Specimen Collection				
1. Check physician's order.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Check child for allergies to any materials used, e.g., povidone-iodine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Prepare child and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Gather equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Wash hands. Don gloves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Procedure				
1. Steps 1–5 of General Guidelines. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Put on nonsterile gloves. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Position child for easy access to nose. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Prepare applicator for use by loosening the top of the container. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Have child blow nose. Use bulb syringe for an infant. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Ask child to tilt head back. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Check nostrils for patency using the penlight or ask child to occlude one nostril and then the other and exhale. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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8. Bend nasopharyngeal applicator into a curve and remove from package. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Insert applicator into nostril gently until it reaches inflamed area. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Rotate applicator quickly and remove without touching adjacent structures. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Place applicator in culture tube. Crush ampule at the bottom. Place applicator tip in culture medium to preserve bacteria. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Secure top to culture tube. Label specimen and place in appropriate bag or container along with laboratory requisition slips. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Dispose of any used materials in appropriate container. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Remove gloves. Wash hands. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Send specimen to lab. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Documentation				
1. Time, source/site, specimen sent to lab (specify for what test).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Record results of any test performed on the unit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Comments:</i>				