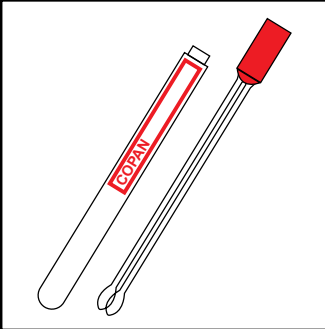


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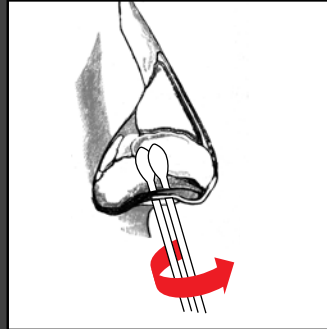
Note: When possible, prior to specimen collection, have patient blow his/her nose.

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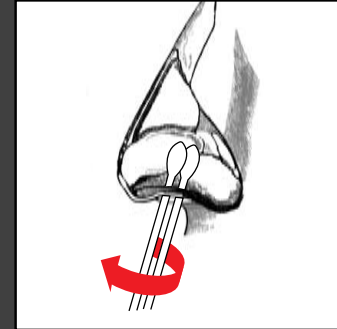
A Copan Venturi Transystem double-swab must be used to collect the specimen.
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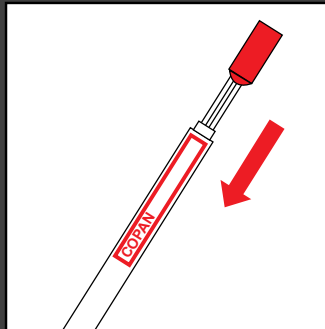
Insert the dry swabs 1–2 cm into the nostril and rotate swabs against the inside of the nostril for 3 seconds while applying pressure with a finger to the outside of the nose.

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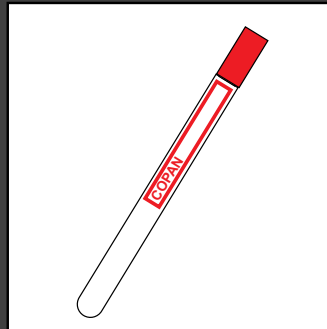
Repeat Step 2 in second nostril with the same swabs.

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Place the swabs back into the tube.

5



Specimens that can be tested within 24 hours can be kept at room temperature. If not, it is recommended that they be refrigerated. Specimens stored at 2–8° C are stable for up to 5 days.

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