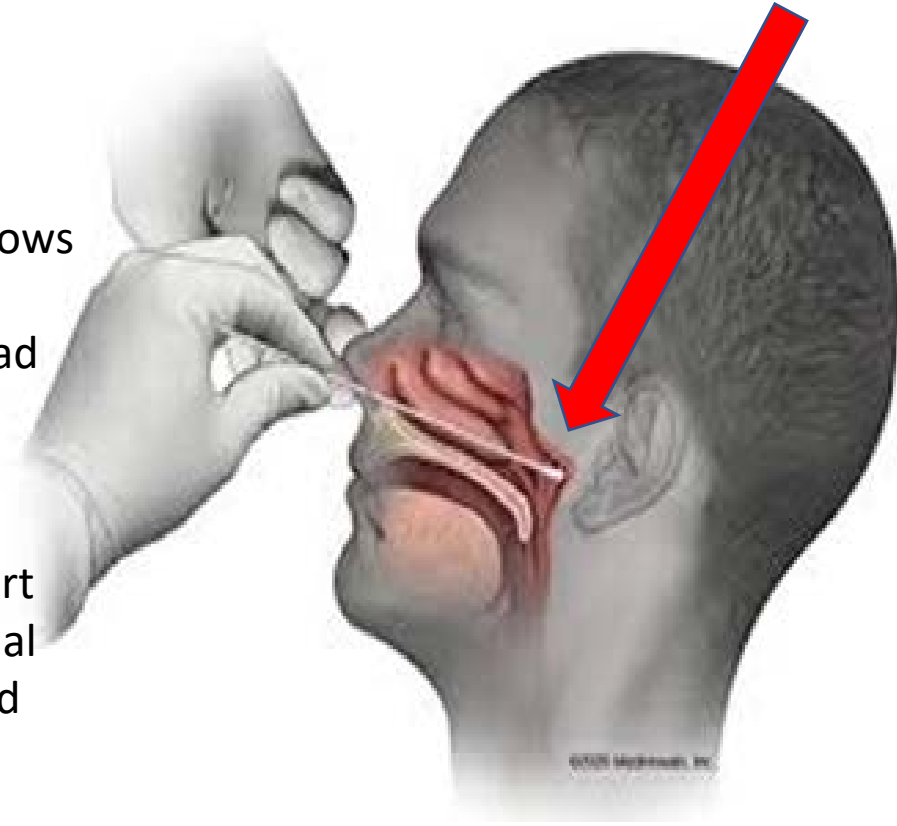


## How to obtain a COVID-19 Swab

- Wash your hands; don all PPE---GOWN, GLOVES, MASK AND EYE PROTECTION
- Explain procedure to resident and sit them up in the bed as tolerated with pillows propped up behind them
- Stand to one side of them and place your non-dominant hand on their forehead
- With the patient's head tilted at a 70° angle, insert the swab as shown in the picture
- Rotate the swab several times
- If using Universal Transport Media (UTM), place the swab into the vial transport media, break off at the slender end, leave swab in the pink media. Label the vial
- If using a synthetic swab, place the swab back into the collection container and replace cap
- Place collection tube in the biohazard specimen bag
- A SEPARATE REQUISITION MUST BE USED FOR EACH COVID-19 TEST
- Follow your facility lab guidelines for storage and processing of specimen



Universal Transport Media (UTM)



synthetic swab ( Copan, FLOQswab, etc.)

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