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MATERIALS:

- Culture swab (Red-capped dual swab with liquid transport)

METHOD:

1. Remove dual swabs from tube.
2. Insert into the left nares.
3. Apply slight pressure to nose with finger and turn swabs.
4. Remove and insert into the right nares and repeat.

NOTE: Swab both nares with the same dual swabs.

4. Replace dual swabs in tube.
5. Label specimen with two unique patient identifiers (e.g. name and medical record number) and transport to the laboratory as soon as possible.

