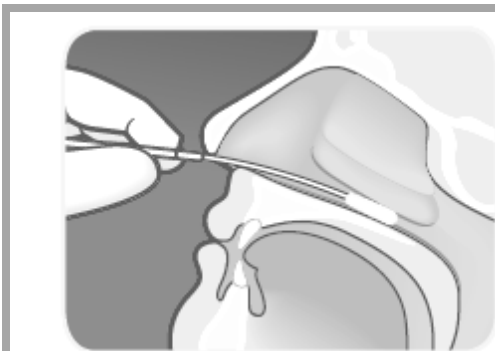
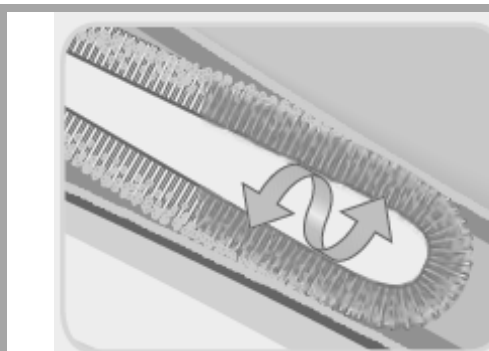


## **Pediatric Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection Instructions**

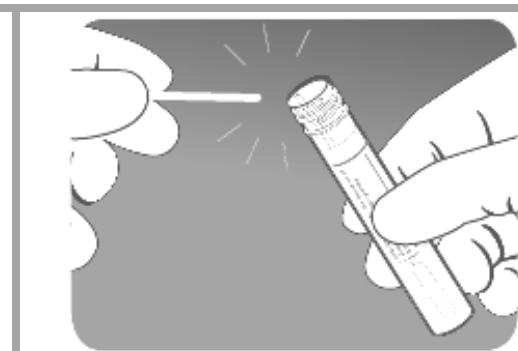
- **Nasal washings** or **nasal aspirate** (see P1035-1 for patient positioning and collection instructions) remain as the preferred sample to be obtained from pediatric patients (less than 2 years) for tests such as:
  - Influenza A and B
  - Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
  - Respiratory Virus Panel
  
- If unable to collect nasal washings or aspirate sample from a pediatric patient, the following collection device has been approved:
  - **Swab, Flocked, Pediatric, Nasopharyngeal** (Order SBMF stock item #10349 – *Note*: this item will also include a vial of M4 media)
  
- **Specimen Collection with Swab, Flocked, Pediatric, Nasopharyngeal:**
  - Position patient as for nasal washings or nasal aspirate (see P1035-1 for patient positioning and collection instructions)
  - Insert flocked nasopharyngeal swab into the patient's nasal passage until a slight resistance is met (*see Figure 1*)
  - Rotate swab 2-3 times and hold swab in place for 5 seconds to ensure maximum absorbency (*see Figure 2*)
  - Withdraw swab and repeat procedure in other nares with the same swab
  - Remove swab, place in vial of viral transport media (M4, M6 or UTM), and break off shaft at the molded breakpoint (*see Figure 3*)
  - Securely tighten media tube cap
  - Immediately refrigerate and transport specimen
  - Must be received within 72 hours of collection time
  - Visit website for specimen collection training videos: <http://copanusa.com/videos/education/index.php>



**Figure 1:** Insert flocked nasopharyngeal swab into nasal passage until a slight resistance is met.



**Figure 2:** Rotate swab two to three times and hold swab in place for 5 seconds to ensure maximum absorbency.



**Figure 3:** Remove swab, place in vial of viral transport media (M4, M6, or UTM), and break off shaft at molded breakpoint.