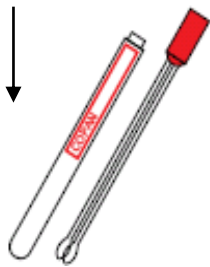


MRSA Nasal PCR Specimen Collection Guide

SWAB →



PROCESS



Step 1: A Copan Venturi Transystem scored double-swab **must** be used to collect the specimen. **Lawson # 274146** (Swab, GeneXpert Collection)

Copan Venturi Transystem scored double-swab



Step 2: 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.**



Step 3: Repeat Step 2 in second nostril with the same swabs.



Step 4: Place the swabs back into the tube.



Step 5: Specimens that can be tested within 24 hours can be kept at room temperature. If not, then refrigerate. Specimens stored at 2-8°C are stable for up to 5 days.