



## METHOD OF COLLECTION

### NASOPHARYNGEAL SMEAR



#### IMPORTANT

IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SAMPLES TO TAKE, THE BLOOD SAMPLE SHOULD ALWAYS BE TAKEN LAST.

## MATERIAL

To perform this sampling, we provide:

- 1 swab.
- 1 tube with a pink cap.



#### IMPORTANT

**The tube cannot be rinsed.**

It contains an AMIES liquid medium essential for the analysis.

This examination may be unpleasant for a short time.

**STEP 1**

Note on the label of the tube provided the patient's first and last name as well as the time of collection.

**STEP 2**

Wash your hands thoroughly.

**STEP 3**

Open the sterile packaging and remove the swab. **Be careful not to touch the tip of the swab with your fingers.**

**STEP 4**

Gently insert the swab deep into the nostril (about halfway from the nose to the ear) and loosen as many cells as possible by scraping inner surface of the nostril

**STEP 5**

Transfer the swab into the tube and **break the swab** stem at **the red line.**

**STEP 6**

Seal the tube tightly and place it in the provided bag. Until it is shipped, keep the sample refrigerated (approximately +4°C).