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INFLUENZA A&B ANTIGEN (RAPID)

Test Code: INFLU

Specimen Type: Nasal Washing or Swab

Tube Type / Collection Container: Wash or Nasal Pharyngeal Swab

Specimen Storage: Refrigerate 2-8 C

Specimen Collection Notes: Nasopharyngeal wash(preferred) or nasal pharyngeal swab(accepted). WASH: instill up to 1ml of sterile saline into the patient's nostril then suction with a soft rubber squeeze bulb. The bulb is introduced into the back of the nostril and slowly withdrawn after suction is applied. Perform wash on one or both nostrils. Transfer the specimen into a sterile, disposable container with a lid. SWAB: insert a Rayon or Dacron nasopharyngeal swab beneath the inferior turbinate of either nostril and vigorously rub and roll against the mucosal surface. Remove swab from nose and insert tip down into the transport tube with Modified Stuart's liquid media. AMPULE MUST BE CRUSHED!(If Ampule is present in currently used swab). Refrigerate specimen immediately after collection, stable 24 hours. Transport to laboratory ASAP

Department: Hematology



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OR



Appearance of swab may

Non-Sterile Cup

Nasopharyngeal Swab