MRSA/CPO Collection

PATIENT COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Test	MRSA/CPO Collection
All tests	• You will be provided with **one** sterile swab for **each test** ordered. Use only the swabs provided. • Bring specimen to laboratory on the same day as collection and store specimen at **room temperature.** • If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the laboratory. For the results of your test, please contact the ordering physician, or check your HealthElife account.
How to Prepare	• Collect in a clean environment.
Caution	• **These collection instructions are meant to help you collect the right specimen for this test. Failure to follow instructions, improperly labelled or leaking swabs may result in sample rejection. Contact the laboratory with any questions or if you require a new swab.**

Collecting the Specimen	1. Confirm the collection container is labelled correctly with:
	   ◦ Your (the patient) first and last name
	   ◦ Another identifier such as date of birth (DOB) or healthcare number (PHN)
	   ◦ The site of collection (nose/nares or rectal).
	2. Remove the swab from the package. **Avoid touching the inside of the collection container or swab shaft.**
	3. Using the swab, follow the below guidance:
	<table><tr><th>MRSA Swab (Nose/Nares)</th><th>CPO (Rectal)</th></tr><tr><td>• Roll the swab at the entrance of each nostril</td><td>• Gently insert the swab tip into the rectum
	• The swab must have visible fecal matter present</td></tr></table>

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Collecting the Specimen	4. Place the swab into the plastic tube with the gel/liquid at the bottom. If using eSwab, grasp the swab at the very end and lean the molded breakpoint of the swab against the tube. Carefully break the shaft. Discard the broken upper part of the swab.
	5. Wash hands thoroughly.
	6. Clearly write the collection date and time on the container and place into transport bag.
	7. Deliver the container and lab requisition to the laboratory the same day collection is finished.

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