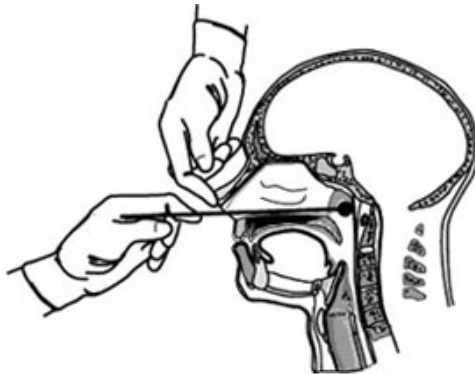


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**SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS and *PARAPERTUSSIS***

1. The *Bordetella species* collection kit, provided by Laboratory Services, includes:
 - a. One universal transport media tube.
 - b. One sterile Dacron® polyester-tipped swab suitable for the collection of nasopharyngeal specimens.
2. The specimen of choice is a nasopharyngeal swab in universal transport media. (See picture below for proper collection of specimens)



- a. Place the swab in the universal transport media.
 - b. Cut the excess length of the wire shaft of the swab with a clean scissors and cap the tube tightly.
 - c. Label the tube with the patient's name and date of birth.
3. Return the universal transport media to the zip-lock plastic biohazard bag that contained the collection supplies.
 4. Complete an electronic order. Select the test "*Bordetella species* HDA."
 5. Place the specimen (in the biohazard bag) and the completed request form into a category B shipping container provided by Laboratory Services.
 6. Send within 4 days refrigerated to:

Laboratory Services
2635 East Main Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58506