GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE

SAMPLE COLLECTION
- SWAB-THROAT CULTURE/RAPID STREP TEST

BEFORE COLLECTION

♦ Train on procedure and safety
♦ Check requisition and patient ID
♦ Get supplies
  - Sterile Dacron swab - sterile tongue depressor - holding media
  - culture plate or rapid strep test kit
♦ Label media or test cartridge
  - Patient name - unique identifier - date and time collected
♦ Wash your hands - put on gloves

COLLECTION

♦ Tell patient they may feel tickling or a gag reflex
♦ Have patient open mouth wide
♦ Hold the back third of the tongue down
♦ Look for swelling, pus, red or white spots
♦ Roll swab over the tonsil area

AFTER COLLECTION

♦ Place swab in holding media or, Roll over top 1/3 of culture plate or
♦ Follow rapid strep test kit procedure
♦ Discard collection materials in biohazard container
♦ Remove gloves - dispose in biohazard container - wash hands

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