

NASAL COLONIZATION SCREEN

Orderable – NOSC

Turnaround Time: 2 days

Alternate Name(s):

Nares Colonization Screen

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

This sample type cannot be processed as a STAT request. Samples are handled as they are received and results are reported as they become available.



Laboratory:
Microbiology




Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Nasal Swab	<p>Insert a sterile swab into the nose until resistance is met at the level of the turbinates (approximately 2.5 cm).</p> <p>Rotate the swab against the mucosa.</p> <p>Repeat the process on the other side using the same swab. Place swab in transport media.</p>	

Interpretive Comments:

Specimen will be examined for Staphylococcus aureus and Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection in the Microbiology Laboratory.