1. Specimen

a) A red topped Copan swab should be used

b) Appropriate hand hygiene must be followed. See test procedure for details.

c) Swab the posterior pharynx, tonsils and other inflamed areas. Avoid touching the tongue, cheeks and teeth with the swab.

2. Perform Patient Testing

a) Add 4 free falling drops of Reagents 1 and 2 to extraction test tube

b) Add one swab to tube and rotate 10 times

c) Leave swab in tube for one minute

d) Use extraction tube to squeeze swab to expel all liquid and discard swab

e) Place one test strip, arrows pointing down, into the extraction tube.

f) Start timer for 5 minutes

g) Interpret Results

- If one distinct line appears in the control region, the test is negative

- If two distinct lines appear, one in the control region and one in the test region, the test is positive

- If no lines appear the test is invalid and must be repeated

3. A negative result needs to have a backup culture ordered and the remaining swab sent to the BDH main lab.

• Please review the lab procedures in the BDH organization-wide Policies and Procedures manual. This manual may be found in SharePoint under the Policies and Procedures tab, Organization wide, Laboratory. You will be asked to locate these procedures by an inspector.

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