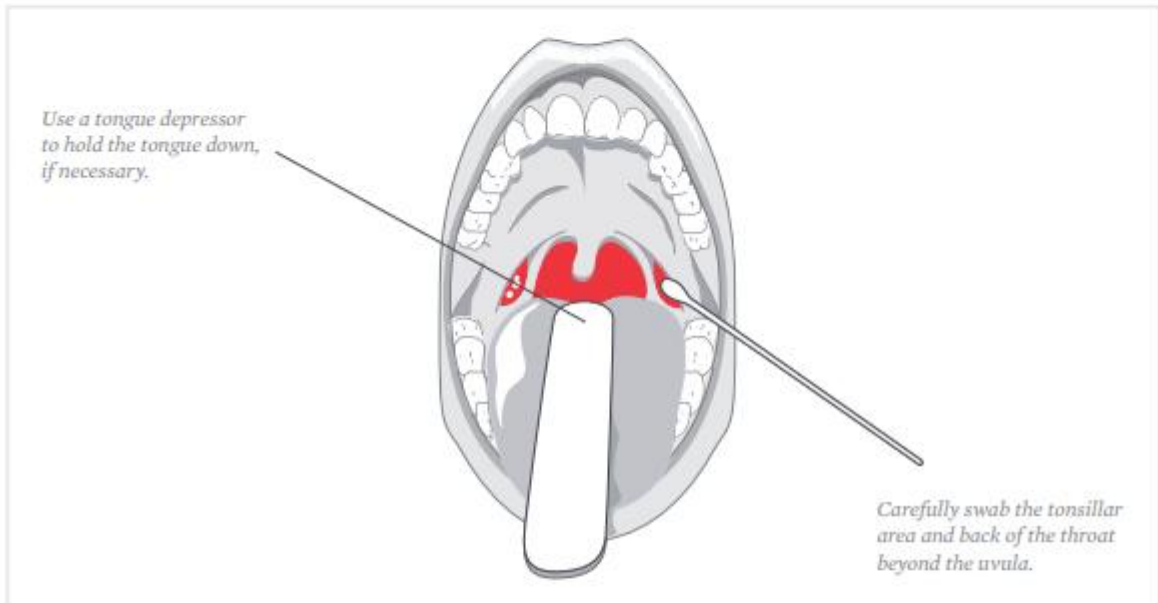


TECH TIPS

COLLECTION OF A PROPER STREP A THROAT SWAB



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Swab the area with a back and forth motion – do not merely touch the area.** Swabbing is required to remove organisms adhering to the surface of the throat.
- **Aim for white patches.** Streptococcal bacteria are frequently found in white patches in the tonsillar area.
- **Avoid contact with the lips, teeth, cheek, gums, uvula and tongue.** Contact with these areas may contaminate the sample.
- **When using dual swabs, collect bacteria on both sides of the swab head and rub the two swab heads together.** Rubbing ensures even distribution of the sample.

For optimal performance, use the swabs provided in the test kit.