* Instruct patient to open mouth as wide as possible.
* Instruct patient to say “ahh.” The tonsil area may be reddened, swollen, or have white patches.
* Direct the tip toward the tonsil area.
* DO NOT touch the swab tip to any other area of the mouth, including the tongue
* Rub the swab on the back of the throat, on the tonsils, and in any other area where there is redness, inflammation or pus.

