

**INFLUENZA A & B, H1N1 AND BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS / PARAPERTUSSIS**

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<b>Required Specimen Type</b>	Nasal secretion
<b>Medical Supplies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Influenza A &amp; B (code: FLUAPCR &amp; FLUBPCR):</b> Nasal &amp; Nasopharyngeal Swab with proper transport medium (UTM or Puritan red top swab with pink liquid).</li> <li>• <b>H1N1 (code - FLUSWN):</b> Nasal &amp; Nasopharyngeal Swab with proper transport medium (UTM or Puritan red top swab with pink liquid).</li> <li>• <b>Bordetella pertussis (BORP) &amp; Bordetella parapertussis (BORPP):</b> Nasal &amp; Nasopharyngeal Swab with proper transport medium (UTM or Puritan red top swab with pink liquid).</li> </ul>
<b>General Guidelines</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) All specimens must include a double identification (first and last name of the patient and date of birth or Medicare number).</li> <li>2) The use of gloves is required when handling all biological specimens.</li> <li>3) A valid requisition must include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and last name of the patient, date of birth or Medicare number and gender.</li> <li>• Date and time of specimen collection and signature of collector.</li> <li>• Physician's full name, signature and license number (or other qualified prescriber).</li> <li>• Any relevant clinical information.</li> <li>• Requested tests.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Patient Preparation</b>	N/A
<b>Specimen Collection Instructions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Carefully insert the sterile swab into the nostril that presents with the most secretions under visual inspection.</li> <li>2) Keep the swab near the septum floor of the nose while gently pushing the swab into the posterior nasopharynx.</li> <li>3) Rotate swab several times. Note: It is important to obtain as much secretion as possible.</li> <li>4) Place swab in the transport medium and break the stem, as indicated on the swab.</li> <li>5) Sample should be sent with the requisition to the laboratory as soon as possible, from Monday to Friday before 4 pm.</li> </ol>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>It is mandatory to write the following information on the requisition for the Influenza A,B et H1N1 test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient's recent travels;</li> <li>• Patient's possible infectious contacts.</li> </ul>
<b>Specimen Conservation and Stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza A, B: 2°C to 8°C for up to 9 days.</li> <li>• H1N1: 5 days at room temperature.</li> <li>• Bordetella pertussis / Bordetella parapertussis: 2°C to 8°C for up to 4 days or 2 days at room temperature.</li> </ul>