

REMAP-CAP

Influenza Antiviral Swab Guide



- Nasal swabs are taken only for patients randomised into the **Antiviral Influenza and Immune Modulation domains**.
 - We will send your site everything you need so please **do not** use your own swabs.

- Three nasal swabs are taken per patient, one on day 1, day 3 and day 7.
 - Each patient will have their own unique bar code number e.g. *RF011320S498*.

- Once taken, swabs are stored in the green top VHC tubes and labelled with the bar codes provided in the pack.
 - Swabs can be kept at room temperature for **up to 5 days**.
 - Before posting the samples to us, please enter the details for the samples on **Spinnaker** and complete the **swab tracker** provided on our website under *Documentation > 10. Swabs*.

- Swabs are returned to us in the Royal Mail safe boxes provided.
 - Return labels are already included within the pack.
 - We suggest you send them back to us twice a week (e.g. if you collect day 1 and 3 and send them back to us. Then send day 7 separately.)

Swab kits include:

15 swabs (3 for each patient)

15 VHC tubes

10 Royal Mail safe boxes

Labels (patient barcodes)

Reminders

- Please only use one set of barcodes per patient.
- Do **NOT** use your own swabs if you run out.
- Make sure you complete all the patient information needed on the labels.
- To request more swabs please email us at **ukremap-cap@icnarc.org**.

