



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

# RHINOstic® Automated Swab

### INTENDED USE

The RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab provides a method for clinical collection or self-collection of anterior nares samples in individuals ages 18 or older and the transport at ambient temperature to a qualified laboratory for testing.

### SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

SARS-CoV-2, also known as the COVID-19 virus, was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China December 2019. This virus, as with the novel coronavirus SARS-1 and MERS, is thought to have originated in bats, however the SARS-CoV-2 may have had an intermediary host such as pangolins, pigs or civets. The WHO declared that COVID-19 was a pandemic on March 11, 2020, and human infection has spread globally, with hundreds of thousands of confirmed infections and deaths. The pandemic has put unprecedented pressure on testing laboratories on a global basis, including supply chains and the ability to source collection devices as well as laboratory throughput. The RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swabs bring easy to manufacture materials with properties that allow for dry shipment and sample concentration in addition to automation and rapid accessioning to allow for home collection as well as increase laboratories' throughput and lowering costs.

The RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab is for the collection and transport of an anterior nasal sample collected on a hydrophobic polymer nasal swab from individuals ages 18 or older. The RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab consists of an anterior nasal swab with a threaded lid attached for transport in a 1 ml storage tube. Once the sample is collected, the swab is placed into the storage tube, so the threaded lid aligns with the threading on the open portion of the storage tube. The thread swab cap is screwed shut onto the tube. The tube is placed into a specimen bag for transport to the testing laboratory. Testing will be performed in laboratories certified to perform high or moderate complexity tests, or by similarly qualified laboratories.

### MATERIALS PROVIDED

The RH-S000001 RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab includes:

- 1 sterile polypropylene nasal swab
- 1 capped and unlabeled collection tube

The RH-S000111 RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab includes:

- 1 sterile polypropylene nasal swab
- (Collection tubes are not included)

### MATERIALS NEEDED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Specimen bag for collected sample

Shipping container for collected sample

No reconstitution buffers or assay materials are included with the RHINOstic® Nasal Swab Collection Device

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**PRECAUTIONS**

All clinical specimens should be considered biohazards and handled with care. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and follow laboratory and biosafety guidelines when handling clinical specimens. Do not use the collection device if the sterile package containing the swab is damaged or not sealed completely. Do not use if the swab is visibly damaged. Do not use the device beyond the expiration date printed on the label. This product is for single use only; reuse may cause a risk of infection and inaccurate results. The swab should be screwed tightly into the collection tube to ensure it stays in the tube during transport to the laboratory for testing. Dispose of the used collection device materials according to biohazard disposal regulations.

**COLLECTION DEVICE STORAGE**

For optimum performance, store at 2-25 °C. Avoid freezing and excessive heat.

**SAMPLE TRANSPORT AND STORAGE**

Samples should be transported at ambient temperature and tested within 72 hours. If not tested within 72 hours, the samples can be frozen at -70 °C until able to test.

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION**

The swab portion for sample collection should be removed from the packaging without touching the collection end of the swab.

The transport tube should be removed from the package so that after collection it is ready for the sample to be placed into the transport tube.

The swab portion of the collection device should be held by the cap to collect the sample as follows:

**The tip of the swab is inserted into one (1) nostril until pressure is felt in the nose. The swab should be placed just inside the nostril.**

- The swab is rotated around the inside of the nostril three (3) times being sure you are making firm contact with the inside of the nose.
- The swab should be gently slid up and down against the inside of the nose one time.
- The swab should be held against the inside of the nostril for ten (10) seconds.

**Repeat collection steps (a-d) in the second nostril using the same swab.**

The cap should be removed from the tube and discarded. The cap should be replaced with the swab into the tube portion of the collection device.

The swab cap should be carefully screwed into the tube, so that it is completely closed. Completely screwing the swab is critical to ensuring that the swab does not come out during transport.

The collection tube should be placed into the specimen bag and shipping envelope provided and sent to the laboratory for testing. The testing laboratory will provide you with instructions on how to receive the test result.

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#### STEP 1 Removal



1. Carefully remove the swab portion for sample collection from the polybag without touching the collection end of the swab.
2. Remove the transport tube from the package so that after collection it is ready for the sample to be placed into the transport tube.

#### STEP 2 Take Sample



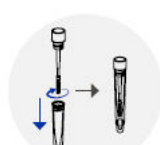
3. Hold the swab portion of the collection device by the cap and collect the sample as follows:
  - a. Insert the tip of the swab into one (1) nostril until pressure is felt in the nose. The swab should be placed just inside your nostril.
  - b. Rotate the swab around the inside of the nostril three (3) times being sure you are making firm contact with the inside of your nose.
  - c. Gently slide the swab up and down against the inside of the nose one time.
  - d. Firmly hold the swab against the inside of the nostril for ten (10) seconds.

#### STEP 3 Repeat



4. Repeat collection steps (a-d) in the second nostril using the same swab.

#### STEP 4 Package & Seal



5. Place the swab in the tube portion of the collection device.
6. Carefully screw the swab into the tube, so that it is completely closed. Make sure the tube is closed tightly.
7. Place the collection tube into the specimen bag and seal. Then, place in the shipping envelope and send the device to the laboratory for testing.
8. The testing laboratory will provide you with instructions on how to receive your test result.

## SAMPLE PREPARATION

Nasal specimens should be collected according to the above instructions using the RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab. The polypropylene swab is used to collect an anterior nares sample which is placed dry into the transport tube and shipped at ambient temperature to the laboratory for testing within 72 hours. If samples cannot be tested within 72 hours of collection, they should be frozen in the laboratory at -70°C or colder.

When the sample arrives in the laboratory, a properly collected swab specimen should have a single swab attached to the threaded cap inserted into the tube. Incoming specimen sample tubes with no swab or with two swabs have not been collected according to the instructions in their respective collection kit Instructions for Use and should not be tested.

The dry swab should be reconstituted by using a pipette to place 200-500 ul of 0.9% physiological saline or assay buffer into the collection tube after carefully opening and lifting the cap with the swab attached. The cap with the attached swab should be placed back into the tube containing the saline or buffer and should be mixed by flicking the sample by hand several times or gently and quickly vortex or through automated spin of the swab. The appropriate amount necessary for the assay protocol should be transferred into the reaction tube or well that will be used for the assay following the manufacturer's instructions.

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## LIMITATIONS

Reliable specimen collection and transport depends on many factors, including collection and handling techniques, specimen condition and volume, and timing.

Refer to the corresponding reference standard and procedures for optimum collection techniques.
















Use of the RHINOstic® Automated Nasal Swab must be validated prior to use by the laboratory that is certified to perform high complexity tests.

## PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

RHINOstic™ and Rhinostics™

Patent applications 63/051,263 and 63/019,620

## SYMBOLS

Table of Label Symbols					
	Manufacturer		Temperature Limit 2-25C		Do Not Reuse
	Catalogue Number		European Union Conformity		Do Not Use If Packaging Is Damaged
	Use By Date		Medical Device		Protect From Direct Sunlight
	Lot Number		Serial Number		Consult Instructions For Use
	Sterile Barrier		Do Not Re-Sterilize		Sterilization By Gamma Radiation



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