
INSTRUCTION FOR USE

INTENDED USE

OPT's Soft Tip Applicators are sterile and intended for clinical sample collection. The applicator is suitable for short contact with the human body. Use as directed.

STERILIZATION

The applicators have been sterilized with a 12 hour ETO process and individually packaged in sealed airtight pouches.

STORAGE

Store the applicator at room temperature in a dry location that is away from direct sunlight. If the product is stored in different conditions, it will not maintain the stated specifications.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Nasopharyngeal sample collection should be conducted by trained physicians or clinicians.

1. Instruct patient to exhale before inserting the applicator.
2. Instruct patient to breathe through the mouth during the swabbing.
3. Gently place the applicator bulb in the area of interest.
4. Hold the applicator in place for a few seconds for the liquids to absorb.
5. When encountering difficulty, do not force the insertion or rotation.

WARNINGS

1. This product is manufactured from photo-curable acrylic resins. Be aware that it may have a slight, characteristic acrylic smell.
2. This product is for single use only; reuse may risk infection and/or inaccurate results.
3. This product is to be handled by trained personnel only.
4. Do not re-sterilize unused applicators.
5. Do not re-pack applicators.
6. Do not use if the applicator is visibly damaged.
7. Do not use excessive force, pressure or bending when collecting swab samples from patients as this may result in accidental breakage of the swab shaft.
8. Directions for use must be followed carefully. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any unauthorized or unqualified use of the product.
9. It must be assumed that all specimens contain infectious micro-organisms; therefore all specimens must be handled with appropriate precautions. After use, tubes and applicators must be disposed of according to laboratory regulations for infectious waste.

