Collection Instructions for MRSA Culture Screen  
Nasal Groin Using Duo eSwab

**Sample Types**
- MRSA screening for Nasal and Groin ONLY

**Before Collection**
- Obtain a Duo eSwab

**Collecting the sample**

1. Wash hands and put on gloves.

2. Open the duo eSwab collection pouch.

3. Remove the pink swab and eSwab tube from the pouch.

4. Uncap the tube and pre-moisten the pink swab by dipping it into the liquid.

5. Firmly swab the inside of each nostril 5 times using the same swab.

6. Open the eSwab tube and dip the pink swab into the liquid and swirl for 5 seconds to release bacteria.

7. While lifting the swab out again, press and rotate against the sides of the tube walls to release excessive liquid.

8. Remove the white swab from the pouch. Do NOT touch the area below the colored line on the swab.

9. Open the eSwab tube and place the white swab into the liquid.

10. With one hand grasp the swab at the end of it and have the tube in the other hand.

11. Recap the eSwab tube and secure tightly.

**Labeling the sample**

Ensure to label the collection container with patient FULL Legal Name: Last Name, First Name & Middle Initial, Date of Birth and Personal Health Number or MRN. Origin of Sample (body site or source), date & time of collection. Label must be placed lengthwise on the tube.

**Delivering the sample**

- When you have completed the collection place the sample in a sealed plastic bag.
- For non-COPE sites, place the completed requisition in the outer pocket of the plastic bag.
- Do not place requisition inside the sealed section of the bag containing the sample; transport to the lab.

**Reference Material:** Copan Diagnostics