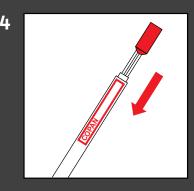
Xpert™MRSA Specimen Collection Protocol

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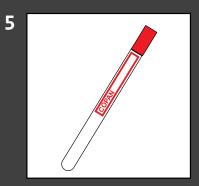
A Copan Venturi Transystem double-swab must be used to collect the specimen. Cepheid Collection Device #900-0370



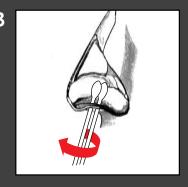
Place the swabs back into the tube.



Insert the dry swabs 1-2 cm into the nostril and rotate swabs against the inside of the nostril for 3 seconds while applying pressure with a finger to the outside of the nose.



Specimens that can be tested within 24 hours can be kept at room temperature. If not, it is recommended that they be refrigerated. Specimens stored at 2–8° C are stable for up to 5 days.



Repeat Step 2 in second nostril with the same swabs.





