

Skin Swab Instructions



Thank you for your participation in the MAGIC study!

Please read all instructions before starting.

Your kit should include:

1. 3 swabs labeled (nose, armpit, and groin)
2. Sealable bag
3. Specimen Collection form



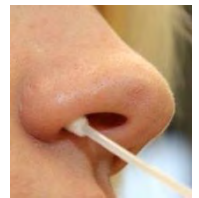
Sampling

It is recommended that you collect the skin swabs at the same time you collect your stool samples. Please note, all 3 swabs should be done in the same sitting.

Please: Do not touch the tip of the swabs and Do not let the swabs touch any other surface. Use gloves during sample collection. Please do not collect swabs directly after a bath or after wiping down the skin.

Nose Swab

1. Take the double swabs labeled **Nose** out of the tube. Remove one swab from the red base. If possible, hold both swabs in one hand.
2. Tilt your baby's head back slightly and insert one swab tip into baby's nostril until the cotton portion is in their nostril (~1 cm).
3. Aim the swab up and towards the outside of the nose. STOP if you meet resistance.
4. Rotate the swab stick slowly 2 times against inside of baby's nostril. Repeat on other nostril.
5. Using the second swab, repeat steps 2 - 4.
6. Place the swabs into the tube and push on the cap.



Armpit Swab

1. Take the double swabs labeled **Armpit** out of the tube.
2. Raise your baby's arm and place the swabs against the skin of the armpit.
3. Rub the swabs against the skin slowly 5 times.
4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 on the opposite arm.
5. Place the swabs into the tube and push on the cap.

Groin Swab

1. Take the double swabs labeled **Groin** out of the tube.
2. Place the swabs in the top of the inner thigh crease and swab down, stopping just before the anus 2 times.
3. Repeat step 2 on the opposite side.
4. Please try not to get poop, diaper cream, or Vaseline on swabs during collection.
5. Place the swabs into the tube and push on the cap.

Place all 3 swab tubes into the plastic bag, re-seal the bag, and keep at room temperature

Remember: The **Specimen Collection Form** is attached to the bag. Be sure to fill in the *date*, *time*, and *timepoint*.

Courier Pick up: Skin swabs and stool samples will be picked up by the courier at the same time. Please email themagicstudy@email.chop.edu to schedule a pick up time. **Couriers can arrive within 90 minutes of notification Monday through Friday 9-5.** If you would like a pick up outside of the normal window the study team can make special arrangements with advanced notice.

Courier services are not needed for weeks 1 through 3 samples and should be mailed in the same box as your purple top stool samples

Questions?

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