

Use NP Swab for collection

## FLU by PCR



<b>Alternate Name:</b>	None
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover, Orthopedic Hospital, Pender Memorial Hospital and ED North
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Nasal Aspirate, Nasal Wash, NP Swab in Viral Transport Media (Red Top Media Tube)
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b> 24 hours/day <b>Stat:</b> Yes
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	1 hour
<b>Specimen Stability</b>	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	Room Temperature: 24 hours Refrigerated: 7 days
<b>Reference Range:</b>	Flu A Negative Flu B Negative
<b>Critical Value:</b>	N/A
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87502, 87503
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Polymerase Chain Reaction
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling. Specimen not collected in sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection. Specimen collected on a calcium alginate swab Specimen placed in Viral Transport Media (VTM)
<b>Other Comments:</b>	None
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	N/A