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Link Trainer Guide- Key points for Abbott ID Now

This document summarises the key points of Covid/Flu swab testing which should be covered by link trainers during training.

Before testing	 Print OrderComms request Wear appropriate PPE Take a single dry NASAL swab from the patient and place in a labelled lidded transport tube. Ensure you have selected the correct test cartridges for Covid or Flu (or both). If testing for both Covid & Flu always run Covid first
Analysis	 Use the NHS number as the patient identifier. When transferring the sample, you MUST ensure the orange button POPS UP on the white transfer cartridge when picking up the sample from the blue sample receiver and then FULLY DEPRESSES when depositing the sample in the orange test base. INVALID RESULTS COME FROM NOT COMPLETING THIS SECTION CORRECTLY!!
Sequential Testing	 To continue with Flu A&B on the <u>same</u> patient select: Actions > COMBO: COVID-19 + Flu A&B DO NOT DISCARD BLUE SAMPLE RECEIVER-THIS IS WHERE YOUR SAMPLE IS!! Open the Flu A&B kit. Connect the USED Covid test base to the UNUSED blue sample receiver from the Flu kit. Dispose of these safely in clinical waste.

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<image/>	 Connect used test pieces, wrap in a glove, dispose in clinical waste With clean gloves wipe down the bench, external and internal areas of the ID Now with 70% ethanol wipes.
Troubleshooting	 If you notice consecutive positive results this could indicate contamination. If contamination is suspected do not use the analyser and report this to POCT and microbiology.

DO NOT SHARE YOUR OPERATOR ID WITH ANYONE. IT IS A DISCIPLINARY OFFENCE!!