

Patient Information Guide

Sputum Collection

Tick appropriate box:

CULTURE - 1 Early morning specimen only

Collection Procedure

1. Cough up sputum deep from in the chest (not saliva from the mouth)
2. Transfer sputum into the clean container provided
3. Ensure name and date of birth is clearly written on the container
4. Ensure date and time of collection is written on the form
5. Take the form and sample to Collection Centre as soon after collection as possible.

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TB (AFB – Acid fast Bacilli)

Collection Procedure

3 early morning specimens are collected on 3 consecutive days and each specimen must be delivered to the nearest collection centre as soon as possible, following collection.

1. Cough up sputum deep from in the chest (not saliva from the mouth)
2. Transfer sputum into the clean container provided
3. Ensure name and date of birth is clearly written on the container
4. Ensure date and time of collection is written on the form
5. Clearly write on the container Specimen 1,2 or 3
6. Take each specimen and form into the Collection Centre each day as soon after collection as possible.

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CYTOLOGY

Collection Procedure

3 Early morning specimens are collected on 3 consecutive days and each specimen must be delivered daily to the nearest Collection Centre as soon as possible, following collection.

1. Cough up sputum deep from in the chest (not saliva from the mouth)
2. Transfer sputum into the clean container provided
3. Ensure name and date of birth is clearly written on the container
4. Ensure date and time of collection is written on the form
5. Clearly write on the container Specimen 1,2 or 3
6. Take each specimen and form into the Collection Centre each day as soon after

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If you require further information regarding your test procedure, please contact the Laboratory.

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