

## Laboratory Medicine - Test Information Guide

### Sputa, endotracheal aspirates, bronchial washings, BAL for AFB, TB, MAI

Alternate Name: Sputa, endotracheal aspirates, bronchial washings for Mycobacteria

Department: Microbiology

STAT Test Available: N

TAT (Days):

Specimen Type: Sterile screw cap container

Collection Information & Patient Prep:

- Collect three early morning sputum specimens resulting from deep cough or sputum induction. Do not pool specimens. Send a separate container for each test ordered on sample.
- Refer to [SCI-5.7.15.2.11](#)
- Store in 4oC refrigerator

Methodology:

Requisition: PHL

Critical Result Ranges:

Testing Referred To: PHL

Sample Volume:

Unit of Measure:

Image:

Reference Ranges: