

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

TB, NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) (Version 2)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Sputum, expectorated or induced	Refer to collection instructions	8 - 24 hrs apart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct the patient to cough deeply to produce sputum not spit. Minimum volume: 3 ml. Transport in a sterile 50 ml container. Refer to collection instructions. 	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ship as soon as possible. Transport device: See Collection Procedures. Rejection Criteria: Not following listed Collection and/or S&H Methods. Please see General Rejection Criteria below. Transport: Ship at room temperature. If previously refrigerated, ship cold (2-8°C) on ice packs. Storage: If shipping is delayed, refrigerate at 2-8°C.
Respiratory, Broncho-alveolar lavage or wash			Collect in sputum trap and transfer to a 50 ml sterile plastic transport container.		
Digested / Decontaminated respiratory sample			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process specimen according to digestions/decontamination protocol. Submit sediment in 2ml screw cap tube or 50ml conical tube. Minimum volume: 0.5 ml. 		

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Specimens other than respiratory.
- Not refrigerated properly.
- Leaky specimen.
- Insufficient specimen volume.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name and patient's county of residence.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.

Collection kit availability

- Specimen collection instructions are available: [Sputum Collection Instructions](#).
- Please contact the WAPHL Mailroom for TB specimen collection kits.

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Comments

None.