
SPUTUM

Synonyms

- *Consecutive Early Morning Sputum*
- *Post Bronchoscopy Sputum*

Test Code: 9012 / **CPT Code:** 88112

Supplies:

1. Non-sterile specimen containers with 30ml of CytoLyt
 2. Yellow Non-Gyn requisitions
 3. Biohazard Bags
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Collection:

1. USE UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS
 2. For consecutive early morning sputum samples:
 - Collect early morning, “deep cough” specimen (not saliva) and place into CytoLyt container.
 - Specimen should be obtained before the patient has eaten.
 3. For post bronchoscopy sputum samples:
 - Collect separate sputum specimens at 24 and 48 hours after bronchoscopy is performed.
 - Collect “deep cough” specimen (not saliva) and place into CytoLyt container.
 4. Secure the lid and gently shake specimen.
 5. **It is important to keep each specimen separate and state the collection date on both the specimen and the requisition card.**
 6. Secure the lid and label specimen container with the following:
 - Patient’s name
 - Physician’s name
 - Source of specimen
 - Date of collection
 7. Complete the yellow Non-Gyn requisition card with the following information:
 - Patient’s name, birth date and sex
 - Physician’s name and clinic account number
 - Source of specimen
 - Date of collection
 - All pertinent clinical information (especially history of cancer, chemotherapy and radiation treatments).
 - A separate requisition card must be filled out for each specimen.
 8. Send specimen container and requisition card in a Biohazard bag to DCCC.
 - Tighten lid of CytoLyt container, place the specimen in the ziplock portion of the bag and seal it.
 - Place the yellow Non-Gyn requisition card into the back pocket with the overlapping flaps.
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Storage Instructions:

1. If more than a 24-hr delay is anticipated between collection and receipt in the laboratory, please refrigerate specimen.
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