**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

**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.

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