



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION OR PATIENT'S
PREPARATION
SPUTUM SMEAR (BACILLOSCOPY)**

Dear patient,

In order to ensure a reliable result, please follow the recommendations below:

- Request a sampling container at the Clinical Laboratory.
- Do not use any kind of mouth rinse before collecting the sample.
- If it is a serial test, take samples in the following way:

First sample: at the moment your doctor prescribes the test, regardless of the time.

Second sample: on the next day, in fasting conditions, collect the first morning sputum expectorated.

Third sample: on the same day where you collected the second sample, when you go to the laboratory to deliver your sample.

- Please use the assigned area for sputum samples (Room 19, "Expectoration") to take your sputum samples.
- Obtain sputum by a deep cough and put it directly into the container. Saliva samples are not suitable for the test
- Label the container with your personal data before delivering it to the Clinical Laboratory.

Deliver the sample to the laboratory as soon as possible, before two hours have elapsed, at room temperature.

If you have any questions, please call us at phone number 331 9090 (Ext. 3152 – 3132 – 6468 – 6469 – 4154).

Remember that according to Law 100/1993, it is the patients' DUTY to take self-care measures and adhere to their Treating Physician recommendations.

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