

Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Respiratory Culture and Smear

Order Name: **C AFB**
Test Number: 6000100
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Respiratory Culture and Smear	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	10mL (5mL)	See Instructions	Sterile Screwtop Container	Refrigerated
Instructions	<p>Specimen types: Sputum, BAL, Bronch Wash, Tracheal Aspirate, Stool, Urine, or Gastric Aspirate. Encourage deep cough to minimize saliva contaminants. Minimum 5 mL in screw top container. May be collected with routine or fungal culture if quantity is sufficient. For respiratory, 3 consecutive days; early morning specimens are recommended. Minimum volume for urine is 40mL. Gastric lavage/aspirate minimum volume is 5-10 mL. Stability: Transport specimens as soon as possible for optimal recovery. Unacceptable: Specimens in non-sterile containers, swabs, specimens collected 7 days prior or stored at room temp. for more than 24 hours are not acceptable.</p>			

For other specimen types see Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Culture Direct (6000130).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	8 Weeks
Clinical Use	Determines Mycobacteria sp. infections
CPT Code(s)	87116, 87015, 87206
Lab Section	Microbiology