

Acid Fast Smear

Test ID: 4503

CPT: 87206

Clinical Significance:

Mycobacteria Stain, Acid-Fast, Fluorochrome - Used to evaluate a patient's tuberculosis communicability status.

Profile Components:



Labtech Diagnostics

Container:

Sterile leak-proof container

Transport Temperature:

Critical refrigerate (CRF)

Specimen:

10 mL sputum or induced sputum

Specimen Stability:

Room temperature: 5 days
Refrigerated: 5 days
Frozen: Unacceptable

Reject Criteria:

- Smear prepared by client
- 24 hour pooled sputum
- Dry swabs
- Specimens received in alcohol, formalin, or other preservatives

Days Performed:

Mon-Fri

Collection Instructions:

Sputum: Instruct patient to gargle with water and cough deeply. Three separate early morning collections on at least three consecutive days are recommended.