



Patient Collection Information



Collection of a Specimen for Sputum Culture

Your physician has requested that you collect a sputum sample for laboratory studies. This sample is obtained by collecting the mucous brought up from deep coughing (saliva is not acceptable).

1. If you wear dentures, they should be removed and your mouth rinsed with water immediately before you collect the sample.
2. You have been given a sterile cup for each sample needed. If you need a sterile cup please visit any of our laboratories and we will be happy to supply you with one.
3. Only one specimen should be collected per day. *Example:* If your physician orders a culture x3, 3 separate specimens should be collected on 3 consecutive days.
4. An early morning specimen is preferred for the best result but is not required. The specimen should be collected before eating.
5. The specimen must be kept at room temperature and transported to the **Medical Office Building #4** or **Saint Rita's Medical Center Outpatient Express** within 1 hour of collection. (Specimens that have not been transported to the laboratory within 1 hour of collection will be rejected.)
6. Inform the receptionist when you sign in that you have a specimen which needs to be transported to the Laboratory immediately.
7. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Laboratory at the numbers provided below.

Medical Office Building 4
750 W. High Street Suite 400
Lima, OH 45801
Phone: 419-226-9021

**St. Rita's Medical Center
Outpatient Express**
730 W. Market Street
Lima, OH 45801
Phone: 419-226-9035

Please Fill out the Following Information:

1. Patient Name: _____
2. Patient Date of Birth: _____
3. Time of Collection: _____
4. Method of collection: _____

Thank you for choosing New Vision Medical Laboratories.