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| Sputum for PCP: **Day(s) / Time(s) Performed:** | **Monday - Friday**  **8am-5pm** |
| Turn Around Time\*\*: | 24 hours |
| **Specimen Collection Supplies:** | • **Specimen Collection Container** |
| Specimen Collection: | Collect fresh unfixed induced specimen. |
| **Specimen Handling:** | **Refrigerated** |
| Specimen Requirements: | • Labeled with two (2) patient identifiers  • Completed cytology specimen requisition, include r/o PCP request  • All specimens should be placed in a secondary “Biohazard Safety Bag”. |
| **Transportation:** | **As Soon As Possible Deliver / Send to Laboratory or Teton Pathology** |
| Comment / Special Instruction: | Sputum induction is intended primarily for the detection of early lung carcinoma in asymptomatic persons who have too little sputum to be raised naturally. It is also used for the detection of PCP.  Non-induced specimen will not be processed for PCP.  Do not use formalin as a fixative |
| **Rejection Criteria:** | • **Inadequate Information / Missing Requisition**  • **Unlabeled / Mislabeled Specimen**  • **Specimen received in inappropriate fixative**  • **Non-induced specimen** |
| Retention Time of Specimen: | One (1) Week After Final Report is Issued |
| **Laboratory Testing Performed:** | **Cytopathology – Teton Pathology** |