

Sputum Sample Patient Collection Instruction

Provider Office:

Please provide the patient with a sterile cup and this instruction sheet.

Patient Collection Instructions:

1. The best samples should be collected upon rising in the morning.
2. Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
3. Cough deeply and deposit the sample in the sterile container provided, being careful not to get saliva mixed with the specimen.
4. Screw cap tightly onto container
5. Label container with your name, date and time of collection.
6. Specimen should be received in the lab within two hours of collection.
7. With multiple samples, please bring each to the Lab within two hours of collection.
8. If specimen does not contain sputum, you may be asked to recollect.

St Pete's Main Lab Directions:

1. Enter St. Peters Hospital through Emergency Room entrance.
(SEE MAP ON BACK)
2. Walk straight past registration desks and through the double doors.
3. Lab is the first door on the left after the tile changes to carpet at the double doors. Look for BIO-HAZARD sign on door
4. Please ring doorbell and someone will be with you to receive your sample.

If you have any questions, please call St Pete's Main Lab at 406-447-2950.

We are here every minute of every day for you.