

MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, CULTIVATION AND DYEING, SPUTUM Ex-TbVi / Ex-TbVrVi

Suspected lung infection due to pulmonary tuberculosis or atypical mycobacteria.

Sampling equipment

- Sampling container, dry, screw cap, 3 pcs
- Name tags, 3 pcs
- Plastic bag (for example, Name tags, 3 pcs)

Sampling

A sample is taken on three consecutive days, first thing in the morning before breakfast into three separate sampling containers. Effective and deep coughing is important for receiving enough material for examination. Expectoant coughing medicine helps in producing a good sample.

- A sample is coughed in the morning directly into an opened container. There must be plenty of sputum (2–5 ml) in the container. Saliva or nasopharyngeal secretion are not enough for the examination.
- The sampling container is carefully closed.
- Attach a name tag you received from the laboratory or filled in yourself onto the sampling containers. The tag must display your name, social security number and day of sampling.
- After sampling, seal the sampling containers carefully in the plastic bag.

Storage and transport

The samples are brought into the laboratory on sampling days (not during weekends). The samples are stored in a refrigerator (2–8 °C) until transported.