

COLLECTING SPUTUM SAMPLES FOR CULTURE AND MYCOBACTERIUM/KOCH BACILLUS

The patient needs to:

- ⇒ Obtain a sterile container for collecting the sputum (available to purchase from pharmacies).
- ⇒ The sputum must be collected in the morning **before eating**.
- ⇒ Clean the mouth well and gargle with water.
- ⇒ Collect the expectorated material in the sterile container **after a cough**. The expectorated material must come from the lower airways and not be saliva.
- ⇒ In the event of difficulty in expectorating, a cough can be induced using a nebulizer containing a saline solution (not drugs).
- ⇒ Deliver the container to the Test Centre (Centro Prelievi) in Via Jommelli 2 **within two hours**.

Register beforehand at the Payment/Registration Service (Servizio Cassa/Accettazione) in Via Jommelli 2, from Monday to Friday between 7.15 and 10.00 am. The patient should bring:

- *The request from his/her doctor.*
- *Personal identity documents (health service card, ID card and exemption cards, if applicable).*

SPUTUM SAMPLES FOR MYCOBACTERIUM/KOCH BACILLUS TESTING

The patient needs to:

- ⇒ Collect samples as described above. If requested, take samples **on three separate days**.
- ⇒ For the test to be carried out properly, each sample should be delivered on the same day it is taken (within two hours).
- ⇒ If delivery on the day is not possible, the sample should be stored in the fridge for **no more than 72 hours**.
- ⇒ ***Patient registration will take place on delivery of the first sample. On the following two days the sample is just delivered.***

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- *The request from his/her doctor.*
- *Personal identity documents (health service card, ID card and exemption cards, if applicable).*
- *Sputum samples for mycobacterium/Koch bacillus testing*

⇒ *Deliver the container to the Test Centre (Centro Prelievi) on the 2nd floor of Via Jommelli 2.*