

INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

## SPUTUM COLLECTION FOR THE “MTC” [malignant tumour cell] TEST

The test is generally performed on three samples on three different days.

Please observe the following procedure:

- ⇒ get sterile sample collection containers (available at a pharmacy);
- ⇒ collect sputum in the morning on an empty stomach;
- ⇒ thoroughly clean the oral cavity and gargle with water;
- ⇒ collect the sputum after coughing into the sterile container: the sputum must originate from the lower airways and it must not be saliva; if you find this hard to perform, coughing can be induced with aerosol using saline solution (not drugs);
- ⇒ close the container **tightly**, mark it with SURNAME AND NAME and write 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the different days of collection;
- ⇒ Each sample must be delivered on the day of collection.
- ⇒ **Acceptance will be recorded upon delivery of the first sample. Only the sample will be delivered in the following two days.**

*Deliver the sample to the Cashier's/Admissions Desk with the following items:*

- *the referring doctor's prescription;*
- *personal identification documents (health card, identity card, any exemption cards);*
- *the sputum sample collected for the “MTC” [malignant tumour cell] test;*

*Deliver the container to the Sample Collection Centre.*