

## Culture Respiratory

<b>Synonyms</b>	Respiratory cx
<b>Abbreviation</b>	Resp Cx
<b>Specimen type</b>	Sputum
<b>Container</b>	Sterile cup
<b>Volume</b>	2 – 5 mL
<b>Collection requirements</b>	Morning collection is best; prior to antibiotic therapy. Have patient cough deeply and expectorate into sterile cup – sputum, not saliva. Includes gram stain.  Rejection: Specimen that are saliva.
<b>S/H instructions</b>	Deliver to Lab within 30 min.
<b>Stability</b>	
<b>Reference range</b>	
<b>Routine / STAT T.A.T</b>	Prelim within 24 hours
<b>Section</b>	Micro
<b>LAB code</b>	04014