

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS

1. THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTING 10 ml MUST BE EXPLAINED TO THE PATIENT; POINT OUT THAT THE FOAM WILL NOT BE REGARDED TO REACH THIS VOLUME;
2. THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT FOR SPUTUM COLLECTION. THE NURSE SHOULD EVALUATE IF THE PATIENT IS ABLE TO EXPECTORATE; *NOTE: THERE ARE FEW PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE MORE THAN 30 min TO EXPECTORATE 10 ml OF SPUTUM.*
3. THE COLLECTION WILL BE CONSIDERED ENDED AFTER CERTIFICATION BY THE NURSE THAT VOLUME OF 10 mL OF SPUTUM WAS REACHED;
4. IF THE PATIENT IS NOT ABLE TO REACH 10 mL OF SPUTUM, THE NURSE SHOULD STIMULATE THE PATIENT TO COLLECT AT LEAST 5 ml or THE POSSIBLE MAXIMAL VOLUME;
5. DO NOT DISCARD VIALS WITH VOLUMES OF SPUTUM INFERIOR TO 5 ml;
6. IN CASE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COLLECT THE SPUTUM SAMPLE, THE VIAL MUST BE DISCARDED AND THE PATIENT ADVISED TO TRY THE COLLECTION IN A FUTURE DATE;
7. IN CASE OF BLOODY SPUTUM OR HEMOPTYSIS, IMMEDIATELY CALL THE PHYSICIAN TO EVALUATE THE INTERRUPTION OF THE COLLECTION PROCEDURE;
8. IN CASE OF VOMITING DURING THE COLLECTION, STOP THE PROCEDURE. THE VIAL MUST BE DISCARDED;
9. RECORD THE BEGINNING AND ENDING TIMES OF THE SPUTUM COLLECTION IN THE MEDICAL RECORD FOR BACILOSCOPY AND MYCOBACTERIAL CULTURE;
10. RECORD ANY PROTOCOL DEVIATION DURING THE COLLECTION PROCEDURE IN THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENT FOR BACILOSCOPY AND MYCOBACTERIAL CULTURE;
11. AT THE END OF THE COLLECTION, THE PATIENT SHOULD WASH HIS HANDS, FIX AGAIN THE MASK OVER HIS FACE IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE PLACE IN CASE HE IS NOT HOSPITALIZED;
12. THE HEALTH CARE WORKER, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION, SHOULD PUT THE COLLECTION VIAL INTO A TRANSPARENT PLASTIC BAG AND CLOSE THAT;
13. THE NURSE MUST CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATIONS RECORDED IN THE VIAL WALL ARE CONCORDANT WITH THOSE RECORDED IN THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENT OF BACILOSCOPY AND MYCOBACTERIAL CULTURE;
14. STORE THE VIAL WITH THE SPUTUM SAMPLE INSIDE THE REFRIGERATOR RESERVED FOR CONTAMINATED MATERIAL UNDER 2-8°C TEMPERATURE UNTIL ITS TRANSPORTATION TO THE LABORATORY, IN CASE THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE ENDING OF THE COLLECTION AND THE BEGINNING OF THE LABORATORY PROCEDURES IS SUPERIOR TO 2 h;
15. PUT EACH SPUTUM VIAL INTO A WELL (TO AVOID AGITATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE) INSIDE A REFRIGERATED BOX (2-8°C);

16. TRANSPORT THIS REFRIGERATED BOX CLOSED TO THE LABORATORY PROTECTED OF THE SUN LIGHT;

17. THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE KEPT FAR AWAY OF THE PATIENT DURING ALL THE PROCEDURES TO AVOID ANY DIRTINESS CAUSED BY THE CONTACT WITH THE SPUTUM;

18. THE SPUTUM VIALS MUST BE TRANSPORTED TO THE LABORATORY PROTECTED OF THE SUNLIGHT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE and

19. THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE ENDING OF THE SPUTUM COLLECTION AND THE BEGINNING OF THE LABORATORY PROCEDURES WITH EACH SPUTUM SAMPLE SHOULD BE LESS THAN 2 h.

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