Sputum Collection Instructions

Collect a fresh specimen from "deep cough" or induced by respiratory therapy. A **first-morning** specimen is preferred. Patient should collect specimen as he/she is getting out of bed in the morning, if possible.

Deliver to laboratory the same day. Primary Care Associates of Appleton Laboratory is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Refrigerate specimen if there will be any delay.

Early morning specimen preferred.

If you have any questions, please contact Primary Care Associates Lab at 920-996-1000