AFB Culture
Urine / Sputum

AFB Culture is also known as Mycobacteria Microscopy & Culture.

Equipment provided for this test
- Urine AFB- 700ml sterile specimen container x3
- Sputum AFB- 50ml sterile specimen container x3

Collection Instructions
- Apply ID labels if provided or write your full name (first, middle & surname), date of birth on the container.
- Collect samples
  - Urine sample
    1. Collect three consecutive early morning samples
    2. Empty your bladder completely and collect all urine into the container each time.
    3. Write the date of collection on each container.
  - Sputum sample
    1. Collect three consecutive early morning samples.
    2. Write the date of collection on each container.
    3. Saliva is not suitable for analysis
    4. Close the container by screwing the lid on tightly, ensuring it is straight. Place the container in the specimen bag provided.
    5. Keep the first and second samples in cool, dark place or refrigerate. Deliver all three samples to collection center on the same day the third sample is collected.

Specimens will not be accepted if not collected in appropriate (pathology provided) container.

If there is a problem during the collection, a replacement container / kit can be provided.