

 First Clinic Ospedale San Raffaele	PREPARATION: SPUTUM COLLECTION FOR CULTURE TEST	cod. S 55 date 12/04/2024 rev. 6
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that it is important to follow the instructions below to perform this test.

PREPARATION FOR COLLECTION

- Use only appropriate sterile containers available from pharmacies.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

- In the morning on an empty stomach, thoroughly clean the oral cavity and gargle it with water.
- Collect sputum after coughing fit: sputum should come from the lower airways.

Caution: do not add alcohol and avoid collecting saliva.

The sample suitability for culture will be evaluated later at the Microbiology Laboratory. If the sample does not meet the suitability characteristics, the user will be called back by phone to repeat the test free of charge.

SAMPLE DELIVERY

The sample must be received during the opening hours of the Collection Center.

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