

## Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Respiratory Culture and Smear

Order Name: **C AFB**  
Test Number: 6000100  
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Respiratory Culture and Smear	Culture	

### SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	10mL (5mL)	See Instructions	Sterile Screwtop Container	Refrigerated
Instructions	<p>Specimen types: <b>Sputum, BAL, Bronch Wash, Tracheal Aspirate, Stool, Urine, or Gastric Aspirate.</b></p> <p>Encourage deep cough to minimize saliva contaminants. Minimum 5 mL in screw top container. May be collected with routine or fungal culture if quantity is sufficient. For respiratory, 3 consecutive days; early morning specimens are recommended. Minimum volume for urine is 40mL. Gastric lavage/aspirate minimum volume is 5-10 mL.</p> <p>Stability: Transport specimens as soon as possible for optimal recovery.</p> <p>Unacceptable: Specimens in non-sterile containers, swabs, specimens collected 7 days prior or stored at room temp. for more than 24 hours are not acceptable.</p> <p><b>For other specimen types see Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Culture Direct (6000130).</b></p>			

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	8 Weeks
Clinical Use	Determines Mycobacteria sp. infections
Notes	<p>Links to upcoming test Changes for this assay on 08/03/2026</p> <p><a href="#">06-15-19_LiveWire.xlsx</a></p> <p><a href="#">06-15-19_LiveWire.pdf</a></p>
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