WILLIS-KNIGHTON LABORATORY SERVICES

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WKN (318) 212-4400, WKB (318) 212-7400, WKS (318) 212-5400, or WKP (318) 212-3400

SPUTUM COLLECTION PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect the first sputum that you produce after waking in the morning.
2. Open the lid of the top of the sputum collection container provided.
3. Cough deeply and deposit the sputum produced in the collections container.
4. Close and secure the lid.
5. Label the specimen with your first and last name, date of birth, date and time collected.
6. Transport the specimen to the laboratory as quickly as possible.
7. If you cannot deliver the specimen to the laboratory within 1-2 hours, refrigerate it until it can be delivered. For optimal results, the specimen should be delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible.