



CONWAY MEDICAL CENTER

PROCEDURE

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TITLE:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.05 Sputum Cytology Collections-PRO		
ISSUED BY:	Cytotechnologist	REFERENCE #:	LAB-SPC-CYT-08.05-PRO
APPROVED BY:	Lab Director	EFFECTIVE DATE:	1998-10-10

SCOPE: All potential collectors and submitters of sputum's to CMC lab for cytologic testing.

I) PROCEDURE:

A) **MATERIALS:**

- 1) One wide-mouthed specimen cup or a wide-mouthed specimen cup containing CytoLyt (preferred)

B) **PROCEDURE:**

- 1) Give the patient a specimen cup the night before and instruct him not to use it until morning. The sputum cup may contain the CytoLyt solution.
- 2) Instruct him to cough deeply ("from the diaphragm") upon awakening and expectorate deep sputum, not saliva or post nasal drip.
- 3) Upon awakening the patient coughs, expectorating into the cup.
- 4) The cup should be labeled per hospital policy and sent to cytology.
- 5) This procedure should be repeated for three (3) consecutive days, or at the doctor's request.

II) **"SPUTUM FOR PNEUMOCYSTIS"--suboptimal**

Though they have marked lack of sensitivity, sputum specimens are acceptable. Bronchial aspirates or washings should be submitted.

RECORDS: EHR; Requisition form

REFERENCE STANDARDS: CAP GEN.40000; GEN.40100; GEN.40016; GEN.40032; GEN.40050; GEN.40100

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