

Mycobacterium tuberculosis by PCR



Alternate Name:	none
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile screw cap container or sputum Lukens-trap
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL Sputum /1.0 mL Bronchial Washing
Testing Availability	Routine: Daily Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	4 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	Room Temperature: up to 3 days Refrigerated @ 2-8° C: 4-10 days
Reference Range:	Negative
Critical Value:	None
CPT Code:	87556
Testing Methodology:	PCR – Molecular (amplified)
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaking specimen container • Incorrect specimen type
Clinical Significance:	Used to rule in/ rule out Mycobacterium tuberculosis infections.