



Acid Fast Bacilli Smear Only

Alternate Name:	Mycobacteria smear
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile container appropriate for the type of specimen
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	24 hours
Special Handling:	Physicians, patient's nurse and Infection Control will be notified Immediately of positive smears. Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection. Specific site of specimen must be stated.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	No Acid Fast Bacilli seen on smear
Critical Value:	
CPT Code:	87206 AFB smear
Testing Methodology:	Fluorescent stain or Kinyoun stain
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling Outside of specimen container contaminated
Other Comments:	Test includes:

Smear for Mycobacteria species

Clinical Significance:

N/A