

SIGMA SP™ PATENT PENDING*

Intended Use

 $Sigma\ SP^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}\ is\ intended\ for\ the\ preparation\ of\ sputum\ specimens\ for\ microbiological\ investigation.$

Specimen Collection and Handling

Materials Provided;

Sigma SP™ vial contains 1ml of sterile mucolytic reagent.

Instructions for Use

- 1. Using a sterile transfer device such as a pipette add up to 1ml of sputum to the vial, and replace cap.
- 2. Vortex tube for 30 seconds
- 3. Leave at room temperature for 15 minutes
- 4. Using loop or pipette, transfer a small amount of the liquefied sputum onto suitable medium for culture or further processing.
- 5. Liquefied sputum can be kept at ambient temperature and should be used within 6 hours.

Precautions

Sigma SP^{TM} liquid is not caustic, however it is mucolytic so should be handled with care, and in the case of contact with skin washed off immediately.

Dispose of any inoculated tubes safely in accordance with local procedures for pathology specimens.

Storage

Store the devices at 5-25°C

Shelf Life

 $4\ months$ from the date of manufacturing, expiry date printed on the product label.

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