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GUIDE TO SPECIMEN PROCESSING FOR MYCOBACTERIA CULTURE & DIRECT SMEAR.

Specimen	Centrifuge (volume ≥ 2.5 mL)	Reject (X) canned texts or SQP codes	Sterility Check	Processing 3%NaOH	MGIT	LJ	Direct Smear
<i>Sputum</i>		<0.5 mL = "XNSQ", "XUNS"		√	√	√	√
<i>B.wash/BAL</i>	√	0.5 – 2.5 mL = "AFBLO"		√	√	√	√
<i>Urine</i>	√	<10 mL = "XNSQ", "XUNS"		√	√	√	√
<i>Gastric Washings</i>	√	<2.5 mL = "XNSQ", "XUNS" 2.5 – 5 mL = "AFBFL"		√	√	√	√
<i>Fluids</i>	√	<0.5 mL = "AFBFL", "XTBS"	√	Adjust based on sterility plate	√	√	√
<i>CSF</i>	√	0.5 – 2.5 mL = "AFBFL"	√		√	√	√

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

- MIC80200 Mycobacteria Sample Receipt & Accessioning
- MIC80300 Prep of Fluid Samples for Mycobacteria Culture
- MIC80400 Mycobacteria Processing

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