

**BACTERIAL CULTURE, SPUTUM**  
**Ex –BaktVi****Collecting the sample**

- Rinse your mouth with water.
- Cough 1–2 mL of sputum directly into an open container in the morning. Saliva or mucus from the throat (collected without coughing) is not a valid sample. Close the sample container tightly.
- Write your name, personal identification code and the sample collection date on the sticker. Place the sticker on the side of the container.
- Place the container in a bag and seal the bag carefully.

**Transporting the sample**

Bring the sample to the laboratory as soon as possible after collecting it. The test cannot be performed during weekends. If you have a referral for treatment / request for examination from a physician, bring it with you.