

## LABORTAORIO ANALYSIS "DA VINCI"

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## Mode of collecting the sample of ESCREATE

- ➤ Use a sterile, wide-mouthed, screw-top container for collection, which can be purchased from a pharmacy or requested from the laboratory.
- ➤ In the morning, remove any removable dentures and perform adequate oral cleaning and gargle with water.
- ➤ Exhale into the sterile container by effective coughing and collecting at least 2 ml of secretion from the lower respiratory tract. Do not introduce saliva or nasal secretions (in which case the sample is not considered suitable).
- ➤ Deliver to the laboratory immediately (within one hour) or store in the refrigerator for no more than two hours (some microbial species do not survive for more than two hours after collection, and some may multiply at the expense of others, altering the natural quantitative ratio of the various microbial components of the material, promoting erroneous evaluations).
- ➤ In case collection is required on several successive days each sample should be collected and delivered day by day within one hour.
- ➤ If the patient has difficulty expectorating, an aerosol of warm water can be used, inhaling slowly and deeply about 10 times.

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