

## Bronchial washing/Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)

Each specimen container needs to have a *minimum* of two (2) patient identifiers to be accepted.

- Label clean leak-proof specimen container with patient's full name (first and last name), date of birth or medical record number (MRN). Include specimen source on container.
- Place at least 2 mL of fresh specimen in container and tighten cap.
- Place in refrigerator until transport to lab.
- An accompanying requisition with patient's full name (first and last), date of birth, medical record number (MRN), specimen source, ordering physician's name, date of collection, diagnosis, and pertinent patient history.
- *If Oil Red O for lipid-laden macrophages is desired, please indicate in the comments field in the EPIC Non-GYN order or on the accompanying requisition form. Specimen must be **fresh** without fixative added.*
- *If iron stain for hemosiderin-laden macrophages is desired please indicate in the comments field in the EPIC Non-GYN order or on the accompanying requisition form. Specimen must be **fresh** without fixative added.*
- *If Grocott's methenamine silver stain (GMS) on cell block is desired, please indicate in the comments field in the EPIC Non-GYN order or on the accompanying requisition form. Specimen must be **fresh** without fixative added.*