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Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
AFB Smear	AFBS	Clinical Microbiology	Freshly expectorated sputum/pus/tissue/fluid

- **Preparation of the Patient:** Hand out provided for sputum collection
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be collected:** Adequate Quantity Of Sputum/Pus/Tissue/2ml Fluid
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.3ml
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** First morning sputum is always best time for sputum specimen
- **Specimen Stability Information:** If delay in between 2-4hrs at Room temp, If delay more than 2 hrs at refrigerated temp
- **Special Instruction:** Viable organism / specimen required
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container or specimen in formalin not accepted
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Required

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Fluorescent Staining & Microscopy	Mon to Fri same day	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point