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The Aga Khan University Hospital

Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Fungus Culture	FC	Clinical Microbiology	Sputum, Bronchial Lavage, Urine, Skin Scraping, Nail, Hair, Pus, Wound and Tissue, CSF and other Sterile Fluids

- **Preparation of the Patient:** Ensure proper (skin) disinfection of the sampled area
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container/Petri dish/ Transport swab (only nasal specimen)
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Adequate Specimen or scraping
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.5cm tissue, 0.5 ml pus/CSF/joint fluid, 10 ml Bronchial lavage/ sterile fluids
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** If delay in between 2-4hrs at Room temp, if delay more than 4 hrs at refrigerated temp. (2-8°C)
- **Special Instruction:** Please send tissue in Sterile saline so that it doesn't become dry or contaminated
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container / sample in formalin
- **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
Manual	Daily after 30 day	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point