



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Gram Stain	GS	Clinical Microbiology	All Samples except Blood and Stool

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** 2 Air Dry smear made by rolling swabs across clean slide. Indicate specimen source or send the specimen or spec. swab
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Adequate Specimen (1ml)
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.3ml
- **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
- **Special Instruction:** Indicate specimen source, sample in sterile container
- **Rejection Criteria:** Blood and stool
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Not required

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Staining / Microscopy	Daily, same day	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point