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Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Methicillin Resistant <i>Staph. aureus</i>	MRSA	Clinical Microbiology	Swab from both Nares, Hairline, Axilla, Groin and any Open Skin Lesion

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Aimes transport swab
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 05 Swabs
 - **Minimum Quantity:** As above
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Room temperature
- **Special Instruction:** NA
- **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
Culture & Sensitivity	Daily, after 3 days	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point