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The Aga Khan University Hospital

Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Respiratory Culture	SPCS	Clinical Microbiology	Sputum, Throat Swab, Tracheal Aspirate, Bronchial, Eye, Ear, Nasal, Antral Wash etc.

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container/Transport swab
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Adequate Specimen
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 5ml for BAL, 1ml for sputum, tracheal aspirate
- **Transportation Temperature:** If delay in between 2-4hrs at Room temp, If delay more than 4 hrs. at refrigerated temp
- **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:** 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	After 4 days	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point