



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Acid Fast Bacilli Culture (without susceptibility)	AFBC	Clinical Microbiology	Freshly expectorated sputum/pus/tissue/fluid

- **Preparation of the Patient:** Hand out provided for sputum collection
- **Type of Container for Collection:** 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:** 0.3 ml
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** First morning sputum is always best for culture
- **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
BACTEC 960 MGIT	Reporting after 45 days	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point