



**Specimen Collection and Transportation Information**

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Acid Fast Bacilli Culture (includes smear)	AFB-C	Clinical Microbiology	Freshly Expecterated 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:** 0.3ml
- **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 4 hrs at refrigerated temp Delay of > 2hours compromises the ability to isolate fastidious organisms
- **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	Mon to Fri after 30 working days	Daily	00.01	10:00	Contact nearest Collection Point