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The Aga Khan University Hospital  
Clinical Laboratories

### Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Acid Fast Bacilli (smear only)	AFBS	Clinical Microbiology	Viable Organism Required

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Container for Collection:** Inoculated media tube
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be collected:** Good growth of organism
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Room Temperature
- **Special Instruction:** Viable organism required, transport in accordance with IATA standards (3 containers with absorbent material and documents clearly stating contents: no. of isolates in media, grade 3 pathogen MTB isolates, transport/import permit)
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container not accepted
- **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
BACTEC 960 MGIT	MON thru FRI, after 30 working days	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point