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The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Body Fluid Culture	BDCS	Clinical Microbiology	Fluid (Ascitic, Pleural & Joint etc.)

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile containers, syringe, blood culture bottles
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 3-5cc
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.5cc joint fluid, 10cc ascitic/pleural fluids
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room 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 2hrs. at refrigerated temp. Inoculated blood culture bottles should be transported at room temperature
- **Special Instruction:** Collect sample using sterile precautions
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container, specimens without patient or test identifiers 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
Manual	Daily, after 3 days	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point