Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
CD4 -CD8 Count	CD4 -CD8	Histopathology	Peripheral Blood

- Preparation of the Patient: NA
- Type of Collection Container: EDTA and Sodium Heparin Tube (purple and green top)
- Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants: EDTA/Sodium heparin
- Quantity of Specimen to be Collected: 4ml
 - o **Minimum Quantity:** 3ml
- Transportation Temperature: 2-8^oC
- Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable): NA
- Specimen Stability Information: Temperature should be maintained
- **Special Instruction:** As the sample is collected it should be transported as soon as possible
- Rejection Criteria: QNS, Hemolysed
- Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history): HIV positive? Immunodeficient?

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
immunophenotyping	3 working days	Mon- Fri	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm