



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Cerebrospinal Fluid	CSF	Histopathology	Cerebrospinal Fluid (Non Gynae effusion)

- **Preparation of the Patient:** Prepare for operative procedure Lumbar puncture)
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile Red Top container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** No fixative
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** As much as possible. Minimum 0.1 to 1 ml
 - **Minimum Quantity:** NA
- **Transportation Temperature:** In dry ice (not at room temperature)
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Should be received submitted as soon as possible. Outside (collection point) samples are not received
- **Special Instruction:** Submitted as soon as possible to avoid degeneration of sample
- **Rejection Criteria:** Quantity not sufficient ,container leakage
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** NA

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Cytology for malignant cells	after 02 working days	All days except Sunday and public holidays	NA	NA	coordinate with stat labs