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Clinical Laboratories

### Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Cryptococcus Antigen	CAT	Clinical Microbiology	CSF, Serum/ Clotted Blood

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container / Gel tube
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 3-5cc
  - **Minimum Quantity:** 0. 5ml CSF, 3cc clotted blood
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **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 4 hrs. at refrigerated temp
- **Special Instruction:** NA
- **Rejection Criteria:** Haemolysed blood 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
Agglutination	MON thru FRI, same day	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point