



**Specimen Collection and Transportation Information**

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Culture & Sensitivity	CS	Clinical Microbiology	Pus, Wound and Tissue other than Blood, Bone Marrow

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container or swab in transport medium
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be collected:** Wherever possible, aseptically collect the pus or tissue in preference to a swab sample.
  - **Minimum Quantity:** NA
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Room temperature
- **Special Instruction:** If Actinomycetes, Nocardia or mycobacteria are suspected, mention this clearly on the request slip
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container / sample in formalin
- **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