



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

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Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Direct Coombs Test	COOMBS	Blood Bank	Blood

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Preferable in EDTA, Sodium Citrate, CPD-A , But Sample Draw in Clotted tube (without Gel) can acceptable (details in SOP)
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** K2 EDTA 7.2mg, Sodium Citrate 3.2% , CPD-A
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 3cc
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 2cc
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temperature for Karachi ,stored and transported at 1-10°C for outside Karachi points
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** 1 to 8°C, EDTA, Clotted, Citrate and CPDA for 7 days.
- **Special Instruction:** NA
- **Rejection Criteria:**
 - a) Specimen improper labeled / mislabeled or unlabeled, patient identification mismatched between specimen and requisition slip.
 - b) Improper collection container i.e. hemolyzed, tube containing gel separator,
 - c) Specimen volume inadequate (QNS) for analysis
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Required



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Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Tube/Gel card	Same day	Daily	0:01	10:00	Contact Nearest Collection Point