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Clinical Laboratories

### Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Environmental Culture	EC	Clinical Microbiology	Various types; Collection to be confirmed with technologist

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Testing material in sterile container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Variable
  - **Minimum Quantity:** Variable
- **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:** Contact microbiologist as per requirement
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container 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
Manual	Daily, after 10days	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point