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Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Food Culture	FOODC	Clinical Microbiology	Cooked Or Uncooked Food, Herb, Fruit, Vegetable

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container or sealed/packed container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 50g or more
Minimum Quantity: 50g
- **Transportation Temperature:** 2-8⁰C (refrigerated temp)
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):**
- **Specimen Stability Information:** 2-8⁰C , if delay store at -20⁰C
- **Special Instruction:** NA
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile/unsealed container not acceptable
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Not 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 10 day	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point