



Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Fungus Smear / KOH Prep	FS	Clinical Microbiology	Sputum, Bronchial Lavage, Urine, Skin Scraping, Nail, Hair, Pus, Wound and Tissue, CSF and other Sterile Fluids

- **Preparation of the Patient:** Ensure proper (skin) disinfection of the sampled area
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container/Petri dish, scraping in sterile paper in container/ petri dish
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Adequate Specimen or scraping
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.5cm tissue, 0.5ml pus/CSF/joint fluid, 10 ml Bronchial lavage/ sterile fluids
- **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:** 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	Working Days, Next Day Reporting - CPE	Routine	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point