



Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
HSV1-HSV2 BY PCR	HSVPCR	Molecular Pathology	CSF

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Sterile container
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 1ml CSF
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.5 ml CSF
- **Transportation Temperature:** CSF should be transported in frozen condition with dry ice
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** -20°C for 1 month
- **Special Instruction:** Send at least 1 ml CSF in sterile container
- **Rejection Criteria:**
 - a) Hemolysis/ clotted
 - b) Leaky Container
 - c) In appropriate container
 - d) Improper labeled specimen
 - e) In adequate volume of specimen
 - f) Wrong source
 - g) Improper transportation temperature
 - h) Contaminated specimen with biological hazardous material
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** NA

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Real Time PCR	Wednesday & Friday of every week	Monday-Wednesday of every week	00.01	10:00	Contact Nearest Collection Points