



### Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Detection F INF-H1N1, INF-A and INF-B Viruses	INF-H1N1-A-B	Molecular Pathology	Nasal Swab

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Universal transport medium (UTM)
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** 3ml
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Nasopharyngeal or Oropharyngeal swab, BAL, Sputum
  - **Minimum Quantity:** NA
- **Transportation Temperature:** UTM should be transported in frozen condition with dry ice
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** UTM( -20°C for 1 month)
- **Special Instruction:** NA
- **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	Same Day	Daily	00.01	10:00	Contact Nearest Collection Points