



Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Quantitative HIV PCR	QHIVPCR	Molecular Pathology	Plasma

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** EDTA tube
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** EDTA (7.2mg)
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 1ml Plasma From EDTA Container
 - **Minimum Quantity:** NA
- **Transportation Temperature:** Plasma should be transported in frozen condition with dry ice
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Plasma (-20°C) for 1 month
- **Special Instruction:** Plasma From blood collected in EDTA Tubes
- **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	Perform 1 st Monday of Month	1 st Friday of every month	00.01	10:00	Contact Nearest Collection Points