



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
X-Culture	XCS	Clinical Microbiology	High Vaginal, Urethral /Endocervical Swab, EPS, Semen, etc.

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA
- **Type of Collection Container:** Specimen in sterile Container/Transport swab in charcoal media
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** Adequate specimen
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 0.5 ml for secretions, semen
- **Transportation Temperature:** Room temp
- **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:** Submit immediately
- **Rejection Criteria:** Unsterile container
- **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
Culture & Sensitivity	After 4 days	Daily	00.01	10.00	Contact nearest Collection Point