



آغا خان یونیورسٹی ہسپتال

The Aga Khan University Hospital
Clinical Laboratories

Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Oligoclonal Bands	OLIGO	Clinical Chemistry	Serum and CSF

- **Preparation of the Patient:** NA.
- **Type of Collection Container:** CSF in Plain tube, Serum sample in Plain or Gel Tube (yellow top)
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 3-5cc serum, 0.5-2cc CSF
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 3cc Serum, 0.5 cc CSF
- **Transportation Temperature:** 18-25°C (For 8 Hours), 2-8°C after 8 hours to 7 days, at -20°C for one month.
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** Up to one week at 2-8°C or up to one month at -20°C
- **Special Instruction:** CSF and Serum both are required.
- **Rejection Criteria:** Wrong Tube, QNS, Hemolysis, Wrong identification.
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** Not Required

Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Isoelectric Focusing & Immunoblotting	Report after 3 days	Tuesday	08:00am	08:00am	08:00am