



Specimen Collection and Transportation Information

Test Name	Mnemonic	Section	Specimen Type
Pericardial Fluid	PERICARD	Hematology	Pericardial Fluid

- **Preparation of the Patient:** No special preparations are needed
- **Type of Collection Container:** Plain
- **Types and Amounts of Preservatives or Anticoagulants:** NA
- **Quantity of Specimen to be Collected:** 5cc
 - **Minimum Quantity:** 2cc
- **Transportation Temperature:** Not Applicable as fresh sample is the requirement.
- **Need for Special Timing for Collection (where applicable):** NA
- **Specimen Stability Information:** 8 hours at room temperature (18 –25 °C), 7 days at 2 – 8 °C
- **Special Instructions:** Samples maybe collected in sterile or EDTA anticoagulant if necessary for analysis.
- **Rejection Criteria:**
 - a) Unlabeled or mislabeled
 - b) Identification mismatched between specimen and requisition slip.
 - c) Improper collection container i.e., leakage or broken sample tube or container
 - d) Improper preservative, or improper anticoagulant or medium in container.
 - e) Incomplete test requisition slip (i.e., required test information not present)
 - f) Specimen volume inadequate (QNS) for analysis
 - g) Specimen is from unacceptable source or wrong sample type
 - h) Wrong or inappropriate source given for testing
 - i) Specimen contaminated with biological hazardous material
- **Need for Appropriate Clinical Data, When Indicated (Patient history):** NA



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Methodology	Reporting Scheme	Day Performed	Cut Off Time Main Lab	Cut Off Time Karachi Points	Cut Off Time Out of Karachi Points
Impedence / Flow cytometry	Daily, same day	Daily	Not Applicable as fresh sample is the requirement	Not accepted on collection points	Not accepted on collection points