

## FUNGUS CULTURES

### Nail Clippings for Fungus:

1. Cleanse nail with 70% alcohol using gauze, not cotton.
2. Clip away a generous portion of the affected area and collect material or debris from under the nail.
3. Place material in a clean plastic container.
4. Provide enough scrapings to cover the head of a thumbtack.
5. Submit specimen to the laboratory within 24 hours.

### Skin Scrapings for Fungus:

1. Cleanse the affected area with 70% alcohol using gauze, not cotton.
2. Gently scrape the surface of the skin at the active margin of the lesion. *Do not cause the site to bleed.*
3. Place the sample in a clean plastic container.
4. Provide enough scrapings to cover the head of a thumbtack.
5. Submit specimen to the laboratory within 24 hours.

### Hair Clippings for Fungus:

1. With forceps, collect at least 10-12 affected hairs with the base of the hair shaft intact.
2. Place the sample in a clean plastic container.
3. Submit specimen to the laboratory within 24 hours.

### Corneal Scraping for Fungus:

1. Submit in sterile container immediately to the laboratory for culture.

**All samples must be dropped off:  
Pavilion Laboratory  
750 Wellington Ave entrance 22  
Monday- Friday 7:00am-5:30pm  
Saturday- 7:00am-12:00pm  
St. Mary's Laboratory Services  
(970)298-2071**