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TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
KOH Specimen Recommendation Change

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UPH Meriter Lab's Microbiology Department has experienced an increase in skin scraping specimens for KOH sent on slides that have an insufficient amount of specimen. Due to this, the recommendation has been updated to send specimens in a sterile cup. Using a cup instead of a slide will help in retaining the entire specimen during the processing stages of testing.

Fungus Smear (KOH Prep)

Epic/SQ Order Code: LAB251, ZKOH

Specimen Requirements: Hair, nail, or skin scrapings in a dry, sterile container.

Specimen Handling and Transport: Transport specimens in ambient conditions, ideally within 2 hours of collection, but no more than 24 hours after collection.

Turnaround Time: 24 hours, Monday-Sunday

CPT Code: 87220

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.