

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
KOH Specimen Change

11/12/2024

Microbiology has been receiving skin scraping specimens for KOH sent on slides that have an insufficient amount of specimen. Due to this, we will no longer be accepting slide specimens for KOH and require the use of a sterile cup as the transport method. Using a cup instead of slide will allow us to retain the entire specimen for testing and not lose the scrapings when slides are processed for testing. We have updated our test catalog to reflect this change.

Fungus Smear (KOH Prep)

Epic/SQ Order Code: LAB251, ZKOH

Performing Laboratory: Meriter Laboratories

Methodology: Microscopy

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.