



Calgary Laboratory Services

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUPERFICIAL MYCOLOGY SPECIMENS

1. SKIN SCRAPINGS:

Clean the affected area with 70% alcohol and allow to air dry.

Scrape the **active periphery** of the affected site with a scalpel blade onto the black paper provided in the kit.

Carefully fold the black paper so that the skin scrapings are enveloped inside.

Place the folded paper in the envelope and label with the patient first and last name, Personal Health Number or birth date, date/time of collection and specimen site and type.

2. NAIL SCRAPINGS:

Clean the affected area with 70% alcohol and allow to air dry.

Scrape the underside of nail and nail bed onto the black paper provided in the kit. Scrape affected nails deeply enough to obtain recently invaded nail tissue. The initial scrapings should be discarded, as they are usually contaminated.

Carefully fold the black paper so that the scrapings are enveloped inside and label as instructed above.

3. HAIR & SCALP SAMPLES:

Remove lusterless or broken hairs from affected areas of the scalp. Some skin scrapings from the scalp should also be included. Collect onto the black paper provided in the kit.

Carefully fold the black paper so that the scrapings are enveloped inside and label as instructed above.

MINIMUM QUANTITY:

5 – 6 PIECES

Store specimen at room temperature. **DO NOT** refrigerate.

**CAUTION: TRANSPORT SAMPLES TO THE LABORATORY WITHIN 24 HOURS OF
COLLECTION.**