

PREFERRED SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen Type	Collection Method	Testing Information
Skin/Soft Tissue/Nail Unit	Formalin Fixative	<p>Routine Histopathology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Histochemical Studies (PAS, GMS, FM) Immunohistochemical Stains (Melan-A, S100, SOX-10)
Dry Keratin (Nail/Skin Scrapings)	Dry Keratin Bag/None	<p>Routine Histopathology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Histochemical Studies (PAS, GMS, FM) <p>* To avoid false-negative fungal identification results, please refrain from sending nail samples consisting of only distal plate.</p> <p>* Please send sufficiently sized nail samples for accurate testing.</p> <p>PCR Assay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies genus/species with higher sensitivity than culture (unavailable for formalin-fixed tissue) <p>Fungal Culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies genus/species of fungal elements; paired with histochemical testing (unavailable for formalin-fixed tissue)
Bacteriology (Wounds/Aspirations)	E-Swab or Swab with GEL	<p>Aerobic and Anaerobic (with GEL) Culture and Sensitivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For deep tissue specimens, please do not expose to air more than 30 minutes. Ship to CorePath Laboratories with next-day delivery.

SPECIMEN HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION

Storage: All specimens should be stored at room temperature.

Transportation: Please use cold packs for transportation without placing packs in direct contact with specimens. Please fill out the requisition form completely and place all specimens in a CorePath shipping kit using the pre-printed air bills supplied by CorePath.

Schedule a Pick-Up: Call CorePath Laboratories at 1.877.617.4445 to schedule a pick-up. In the San Antonio area, call 210.617.4445 to schedule a courier pick-up.

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