



Cutaneous (Fungus Only)

Collection

1. Hair - Scrape the scalp with a blunt scalpel to collect the following:
 - Hair stubs
 - Contents of plugged follicles
 - Skin scales

Pluck hair from the scalp with forceps.

2. Nail - Cleanse the nail with 70 percent alcohol (ALC); remove the outermost layer by scraping with a scalpel.

The following specimens are also acceptable:

- Clippings from any discolored or brittle parts of the nail
- Deeper scrapings and debris under the edges of the nail

3. Skin - Cleanse the skin with 70 percent alcohol (ALC). Collect epidermal scales with a scalpel at the active border of the lesion.