

Skin and nail collection for fungal examination

NO BOOKING REQUIRED



Most of our collection centres experience peak times in the morning. Some patients have urgent or time-sensitive tests, so patients are not always seen in order of arrival. You may prefer to attend later in the day for your test.



Two days prior to the test

Stop use of all ointments, antiseptics and powders on the affected area(s).

On the day of the test

Ensure the affected area(s) is left clean and dry after washing. Avoid the application of any creams, deodorant, moisturiser or similar, to the affected area(s).

If performing a nail collection, clean your nails of any superfluous dirt and remove nail polish. Do not cut your nails prior to the test.

Collection of these samples is painless and may be done at any of our PathWest collection centres.

This test looks for fungi that cause infections of the skin and/or nails.

A sample of skin, called a skin scraping, or a small sample of your nail, may be collected and is then tested to see if fungi will grow.