

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.



Scan for locations

Two days before the test

Stop using all ointments, antiseptics and powders on the affected area(s). Do not apply hair oils or sprays, antifungal shampoo, or medicated scalp products.

The day of the test

Make sure the affected area(s) is left clean and dry after washing. Do not apply any creams, deodorant, moisturiser or similar, to the affected area(s).

If getting a nail collection, clean your nails of any extra 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.

***Skin scapings of the groin and genital area can not be collected at PathWest collection centres.**

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