

How to collect skin samples for fungal testing

- Swab the area with 70% alcohol (to remove creams, lotions etc)
- Use the blunt side of a scalpel to scrape skin from the affected area
- Take the sample from the edge of a lesion, as this is where the fungus is actively growing
- Place inside a Dermapak
- Label with (at minimum) patient name, date of birth, date of sampling
- Store at room temperature

