Correct collection process is vital to receiving the most accurate NGS diagnostic results. Please follow the steps below.



# SAMPLE COLLECTION METHOD | NAIL

2 Methods: Clip & Scrape

### THIS TEST COMES WITH:



### COLLECTION DO'S & DON'TS

🕑 DO - Collect nails from infected areas.

- DO Rinse nail clippers with saline prior to cutting if the nail clippers are kept in cold sterile container.
- DO Wipe nail with Alcohol before sample collection.
- DO Ship your sample as soon as possible after collection. the provided steps carefully. This is optimal, however, if there is a slight delay, MicroGenDX samples are stable significantly longer than culture samples.
- DO NOT Use any cleansing agent other than alcohol. Biocides and other non-alcohol, agents can cause inconclusive results.
- **DO NOT** Touch the nail samples with hands.
- O NOT Use topical antibiotics or topical antifungals for 24 days prior to collection. This is optimal. However, if not possible, the test can still be run.



Scan this code to view video sample collection instructions.

## CLIPPED NAIL METHOD

#### STEP 1

Clean nails with alcohol wipes.

#### STEP 2

If nail clippers are kept in cold sterile container, rinse with saline prior to cutting. Skip this step if using autoclaved clippers.

#### STEP 3

Clip the nail as close to the discolored area as possible.

#### STEP 4

Place the nail clippings into the Nail Collection Bag and seal shut.

### SCRAPE NAIL METHOD

STEP 1 Clean nails with alcohol wipes.

#### STEP 2

Use scalpel to scrape the top nail bed to collect shavings.

STEP 3 Place nail shavings into the Nail Collection Bag, then seal the bag shut.













SEE PATIENT INFORMATION & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE



# PACKAGING & SHIPPING | COLLECTION SAMPLES

### PATIENT INFORMATION

#### 1. MARK SAMPLE

Use a permanent marker to write patient name, date of birth and sample collection date on Nail Collection Bag.



#### 2. SIGN LAB REQ

Please have the patient sign the lab requisition form accepting financial responsibility. Be sure the physician has also signed the lab requisition form confirming consent.

### **3. INSURANCE INFORMATION** Submit patient face sheet and demographics with insurance information or both sides of a patient's insurance card. If this is a prepaid test skip this step.



### PACKING SAMPLES FOR SHIPMENT

- 1. Place the Nail Collection Bag into the center/sealable pocket of Biohazard Lab Bag.
- 2. Place folded Lab Requisition Form into the short pocket of the Lab Bag.
- 3. IMPORTANT: Place only one Sample and one Lab Requisition in each Lab Bag.
- 4. Peel strip off Lab Bag to expose adhesive backing and follow instructions printed on Bag to create a continuous, airtight seal.
- 5. Place the sealed Lab Bag into the MicroGenDX Shipping Box (shipping label already attached to bottom of box).
- 6. Close the MicroGenDX Shipping Box and seal with the clear sealing sticker or a piece of tape.
- 7. You can add multiple completed lab bags into the MicroGenDX Shipping Box.





### **3 CONVENIENT FEDEX SHIPPING METHODS**

- 1. Drop into FedEx Dropbox including Kinkos FedEx locations
- For Physician Offices Only: Call for pick up 1-800-GoFedEx (1-800-463-3339).
  Say "agent" twice to speak to agent. Let them know it's prepaid pick up.
- **3.** For Physician Offices Only: Use our online "schedule a pick up" page at MicroGenDX.com. *Make sure to retain your tracking number.*

