# NAIL SAMPLE COLLECTION METHODS

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Biohazard Bag

Shipping Box (Return Label Attached)

# **COLLECTION DO'S & DON'TS**

- O DO Rinse nail clippers with saline prior to cutting if the nail clippers are kept in cold sterile container.
- O DO Wipe nail with Alcohol before sample collection.
- O DO Ship your sample as soon as possible after collection. 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.
- **DO NOT** Use topical antibiotics or topical antifungals for 24 hours prior to collection. This is optimal. However, if not possible, the test can still be run.



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# **CLIPPED NAIL COLLECTION 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 COLLECTION 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 | COLLECTED 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. Slide the folded Lab Requisition Form into the open back pocket of the Biohazard Baq.
- 2. Place the Nail Collection Bag into the center sealable pocket of Biohazard Bag.
- 3. IMPORTANT: Place only one Sample and one lab requisition in each Biohazard Bag.
- 4. Securely seal the Biohazard Bag making sure it is completely closed.
- 5. Place the sealed Biohazard 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.



# **3 CONVENIENT FEDEX SHIPPING METHODS**

- 1. Drop into FedEx Dropbox including FedEx locations.
- 2. 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 a prepaid pick up.
- **3.** For Physician Offices Only: Use our online "Schedule a Pickup" page at www.MicroGenDX.com. *Make sure to retain your tracking number*.

