

FUNGUS/CRYPTOCOCCUS/CANDIDA CULTURE

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Lab Section Category	Bacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology - Fungi Click here to find out more about the write-up (/Clinical-Departments-Centers/Pathology/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx).
Specimen Required	Swab, pus, tissue, blood, CSF, skin scraping, nail clipping, hair. For: a. skin scraping; scrape the active border with the blunt edge of a scalpel. b. nail clippings; scrape the infected tissue underneath the nail. c. Hair; get representative abnormal hair, removed with forceps, and including some scalp scales obtained by scraping.
Storage and Transport	Blood should be sent in fungal blood culture medium which will be supplied on request. Skin scraping for dermatophyte isolation may be sent in a sterile container or sandwiched between two glass clean slides.
Method	Culture
Test Result	Organism reported; No fungal growth
Turnaround Time	1 - 6 weeks
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday - Saturday
Remarks	Please indicate if a specific pathogen is being sought e.g. <i>Cryptococcus</i> , <i>Candida</i> , <i>Histoplasma</i> .

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