

Nail Collection Guide 2022

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

- (1) Requisition (Electronic or Paper)
- (1) Pair gloves and other PPE required
- (1) Sterile Specimen Tube (white top)
- (1) Sterile gauze
- (1) 70% alcohol wipe
- (1) Specimen biohazard bag

SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

LABEL SPECIMEN TUBE, FILL OUT TESTING ORDER

- Label specimen tube with the patient's full legal name and DOB.
- **Improperly labeled tubes will cause a rejection.**
- Electronic ordering - <https://innovativegx.limsabc.com/>
- **Not providing proper demographics, insurance information, copy of insurance card front and back, ICD-10 codes with provider signature may cause a rejection.**



STEP 2

COLLECTING THE SPECIMEN

- Clean nail with 70% alcohol. Let nail air dry before collection.
- Carefully clip nail and place on sterile gauze.
- Place the nail clipping into a sterile specimen tube.
- **Using a specimen tube with fluid will cause specimen to be rejected.**
- **Dry sterile tube for nail collection can only be used.**
- Replace the cap on the tube and secure tightly.
- **Infected nail clipping can maximize diagnostic yield and ensure both pathogenic fungi and pathogenic bacteria are detected.**

STEP 3

PREPARE SPECIMEN FOR SHIPPING

- Place the tightly sealed and properly labeled specimen tube inside the biohazard bag.
- Place patient demographic and insurance information into document pouch within biohazard bag.