

## Fungus Culture Kits (6 Packs)

Instructions for the use of the Fungus Culture Six-Pack Kit for the collection and transportation of clinical specimens for fungal testing.

This supply pack contains materials sufficient for six skin, hair or nail specimens for culture of such dermatophytic fungi as *Trichophyton rubrum*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*, *Epidermophyton floccosum*.

### Instructions:

1. Disinfect the area before collection using 70% alcohol. Collect appropriate samples of skin, hair, roots or nails.
2. Do NOT mix specimen types or multiple body sites, e.g. back and foot or nail and skin. Use a separate kit for each.
3. Unfold the black paper and place the specimen inside. Refold the paper as received to ensure that the specimen remains inside the paper.
4. Fill out the required information on the specimen label provided on the black paper, including the collection date.
5. Complete the requisition form, ensuring physician, patient information, specimen type and body site are included.  
*Note: the physician, and patient information should match the label on the black paper*
6. Request code M 03 (Fungus - Superficial - Microscopy & Culture) or indicate suspected disease to be investigated.
7. Use the sealable bag to transport the specimen to the laboratory
  - place black paper in sealable section
  - seal bag by moving blue strip to reveal adhesive
  - place requisition in outer pocket
8. Store at room temperature until transported to laboratory.

**STORAGE AND TRANSPORT** - Kits can be stored at room temperature until used. After collection, transport to the Laboratory as soon as possible. Specimens must be received in the laboratory within 72 hours of collection.

**TO ORDER KITS or INFORMATION:** Contact OAHPP order desk, Public Health Laboratory Toronto @ 416 235-5937 or order by fax @ 416 235-5753 or your local Public Health Laboratory.