

FUNGAL INFECTION, CULTURE

Sk-SienVi (3509 contains native examination)

Suspected superficial dermatophyte, yeast or other fungal infection.

Preparing for sampling

Concentrations of medicine remain high on the skin and nail long after discontinuation of the antifungal. Based on survey data, reliable withdrawal periods cannot be determined for sampling.

Withdrawal periods for sampling after discontinuation of medicine

	Skin infection sample	Nail infection sample
External antifungal (topical medication)	2 weeks	6 weeks
Internal antifungal (systemic)	2 months	6 months
Amorolfine treatment lacquer		3 months

Other considerations

- Nail varnish should be removed before the sampling.
- Nails should not be clipped before sampling.
- Eating, drinking and the use of disinfectants should be avoided just before oral and pharyngeal sampling.

The laboratory should be notified of any previous antifungal treatment (medicine, duration, discontinuation) and of any potential trips abroad before the start of the infection.