

FUNGAL CULTURES



In-House Fungal Cultures

Effective April 2nd, 2018 all routine fungal cultures, dermal fungal cultures, and vaginal fungal cultures will be processed and incubated by the St. Luke's Microbiology Department.

In order to avoid processing delays and to maintain specimen integrity and organism viability, St. Luke's Laboratory will now immediately process specimens for fungal culture within the Microbiology Department. These specimens will be directly inoculated to media and maintained in the appropriate environment for the full incubation period. Cultures exhibiting growth of yeast will be given an identification of *Candida albicans*, or a presumptive identification of *C. tropicalis*, *C. krusei*, or *C. glabrata*. Non-Candida yeast and all other fungal isolates will be sent to a reference laboratory for further identification. As usual, susceptibilities will only be performed by request.

Sample Type:

- Routine Fungal Culture: Refer to St. Luke's Laboratory Test Catalogue for specimen requirements.
- Dermal Fungal Culture: Skin scrapings, Hair, and Nails submitted in a sterile container without saline or preservative.
- Vaginal Fungal Culture: Swab specimens collected in a culturette or submitted in ≤ 2 mL of sterile saline.

Test Name: Fungal Culture, Routine (Test Code: **CFR**)

Fungal Culture, Dermal (Test Code: **CFD**)

Fungal Culture, Vaginal (Test Code: **CFV**)

If you have questions, please contact St. Luke's Microbiology Laboratory at 218-249-5319 or Dr. Jon Steinhauer at 218-249-5749.