

REVISED **STAIN, FUNGUS – TEST UPDATE**

Effective Date: March 26, 2018

As of March 26th, 2018, a primary fungal stain will no longer be included with:

- Culture, Fungus, Routine (EPIC: LAB5487, SOFT: CXFUN)
- Culture, Fungus, Hair, Skin, and Nail (EPIC: LAB5489, SOFT: CXFDM)

The primary fungal stain will continue to be available as an independent test (EPIC: LAB5525, SOFT: STFUN).

This change is due to the low negative predictive value for fungal stains and to standardize testing across the Beaumont Health System.

Specimen Collection:

1. Acceptable Specimens: Body fluid, CSF, respiratory, semen, cervical or urethral swab, tissue, or urine.
2. Place swab or 0.5 mL of fluid or urine in **a sterile container. Swab specimens can be transported in Amies medium.**
3. Stability: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 48 hours; Frozen at -70°C: 1 month

Turn-around-times and acceptable specimens for fungal stains will not change.

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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