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Specimen Collection Guidelines

- **Fluids, aspirates, joint aspiration (e.g.: gout, digital mucous cyst):**

Place in dry urine container or red-top tube.

- **Fungal nails, distal clip:**

Submit dry in nail bag.

- **Nail bed biopsy for Melanoma:**

Fix in formalin.

- **Nail bed biopsy for Pyogenic Granuloma:**

Fix in formalin.

- **Nerve fiber density:**

2 (2mm or 3mm) punch biopsies, fix in formalin. Specimen needs to arrive in lab within 48 hours.

- **Specimens for direct immunofluorescence studies:**

Submit in Michel's fixative.

- **All other skin specimens (e.g.: verruca, R/O carcinoma, excision, punch biopsy, wound debridement, ulcer biopsy, hammertoes, bunions, foreign body with tissue):**

Fix in formalin.