

## Health Care Provider Collection Instructions

### Scabies Skin Scrapings



Equipment (provided in Scabies Kit by LifeLabs)	Equipment (not provided)
Sterile scalpel blade	Mineral Oil
Glass slide	Tape
Sterile transport container	Elastic bands

### Collection Instructions

Scrapings must be taken from infected areas as mites are under the skin surface.

Wear gloves during the collection of specimens.

1. Using a pencil, label the slide with the patient's name and the date
2. Place a drop of mineral oil on the scalpel blade.
3. Allow some of the oil to flow onto the papule
4. Scrape vigorously across the lesions to remove the top of the papule
5. Transfer the oil and scraped material to glass slide
6. Place the second slide on top and seal together with tape or elastic bands
7. Place the slide in the sterile container
8. Discard the scalpel blade appropriately



## **Labelling Instructions**

Label the container with the following information:

1. Patient name
2. Date of birth or PHN
3. Date of collection

## **Packaging and Storage Instructions**

1. Place the container in the plastic biohazard bag.
2. Keep the specimen at room temperature and transport to the laboratory as soon as possible.