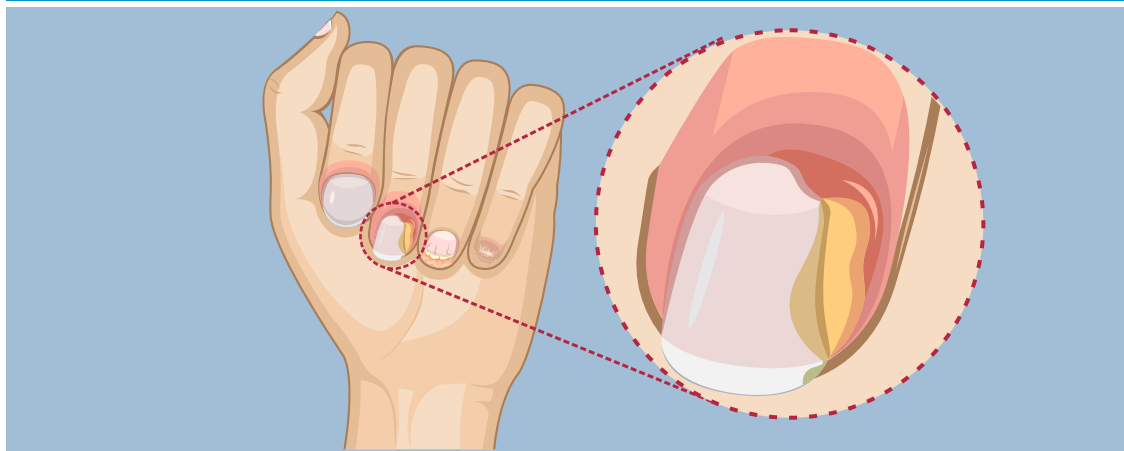


## PARONYCHIA- NAIL INFECTION

A tender bacterial or fungal nail infection of the hand or foot which usually occurs where the nail and skin meet at the side or the base of a finger or toe nail.



1. This is an invasive procedure that usually takes about 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the infection. You will be asked to sign a consent form.
2. You are settled comfortably in an area where your privacy is respected throughout the procedure.
3. The infected area around the nails is cleaned with Betadine solution & local anesthesia is administered via injection by doctor.
4. The doctor then makes a stab / cruciate incision in the infected area, drains pus / collection to relieve discomfort and aid healing and collects a pus culture swab.
5. The swab is sent to the laboratory for examination.
6. The affected finger / toe nail is dressed by the nurse.
7. You may be advised pain killers & antibiotics.
8. You may need to come for dressing at regular intervals, based on the condition of the infected site or as instructed by the doctor. Regular dressing helps faster healing and prevents infection.
9. The infected nail area has to be kept dry until healed. In case you observe soakage or bleeding from the site, contact your doctor immediately.
10. Post the procedure, culture reports are issued after 3 days.