

Test Discontinuation
Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 & 2 IgM by EIA

Effective April 3rd 2017, the Detroit Medical Center University Laboratories will discontinue the Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 & 2 IgM antibodies by EIA due to the national shortage of reagents, CDC no longer recommends this test for HSV testing. IgM lacks adequate predictive value for acute infections. If pursuing antibody testing, order the HSV type 1 and Type 2 IgG specific tests. If acute HSV infection is suspected, molecular testing is preferred.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Herpes Simplex 1 & 2, PCR (215855, HSVPCR, CPT-87529X2) Submit dedicated sterile tube for lumbar puncture, eye fluid or lavender tube. Note lavender tube blood sample is only acceptable for children under 18, elderly or immunocompromised patients.

HSV-1+2 Lesion Amplification (33858, HSVAMP, CPT-87529 X2) Submit dedicated samples, swab of lesion in viral transport media

Herpes Simplex Type 1 specific IgG (319095, HSV1SG, CPT-86695) Submit serum sample

Herpes Simplex Type 2 specific IgG (319103, HSV2SG, CPT-86696) Submit serum sample

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