

Test Menu

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Test Name	Herpes Simplex virus (HSV), Culture (Isolation)
Other Name (s)	Herpesvirus, HSV-1, HSV-2
Analyte(s)	herpes (HSV)
Test Code	0900
Lab location	Tampa location
Department	Virology
Prior Authorization	None
Required Forms	Test Requisition Form, DH1847
Specimen Sources	Swab of lesion
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation	N/A
Minimum Volume	1 mL
Storage Conditions	Refrigerate specimens at 2-8°C or frozen at ≤-20°C.
Collection Media	Dacron swab in viral transport media (VTM)
Specimen Labeling	-Specimen must be labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers, Ex: Name and DOB. -The collection date and time if submitting multiple specimens. -Information on the specimen must match the requisition
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling	Specimens must be shipped between (2-8°C) or frozen (≤-20°C) on dry ice. Separate multiple specimens into different bags (preferred).
Test Methodology	Culture
Turnaround Time	6 - 21 days
Result Indicator	HSV-1 or HSV-2 isolated or no virus isolated
Unsatisfactory Specimen	Insufficient volume. Not maintained at the appropriate temperature. Visibly contaminated with bacteria or fungi. Unlabeled or mislabeled specimens, insufficient quantity for testing, incorrect collection tube/transport media, grossly contaminated specimen, disparity between ID on sample and paperwork, improper collection, storage or transport of specimen, no test requested, test requested is not performed. If required, the absence of patient history. If required, the lack of patient history that is compatible with test requested. Test order cancelled by provider, broken, or leaked in transit, etc.
Interferences and Limitations	None
Additional Information & Notes	None
Reference Range	N/A
Reference Lab	CDC if needed
Reflex testing	None