



Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2

Test Description

Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 is a qualitative assay. A swab specimen is collected from various sites and submitted for testing. The specimen is inoculated on live cells and direct fluorescent antibody staining is utilized to identify the presence of the Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2.

Acceptable Specimens: collection guide and transport conditions

- Vesicular lesion swab
 - Temperature: Ambient (20-25 °C) if delivered immediately, Refrigerated (2-8 °C) otherwise
 - Container: Dacron swab with sterile water or transport medium. Place in tube with VTM

Laboratory Unit

Virology

Methodology

Herpes Simplex Virus Types 1 and 2, Shell Vial Culture Direct Fluorescent Antibody Test

Test Request

Coming Soon

Possible Results:

- Absent
- Present

Reference Range

Absent

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Rejection Criteria

- Unreadable/missing/insufficient labeling
- Wrong specimen collection kit
- Expired specimen collection kit
- Storage/transportation requirements not met
- Leaking or contaminated specimen transport container
- Quantity not sufficient
- Specimen too old
 - Collected it in acceptable kit but did not submit within appropriate time window
- Improperly collected specimen
- Specimen not inoculated/ no specimen submitted

Result Reported

3-15 days

LOINC Code(s)

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