

# New Test Announcement



## Herpes Simplex Virus Testing Changes, Effective 09/12/11

Effective 09/12/11, St. Luke's Laboratory will clarify ordering protocols for Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Testing.

### Available HSV Testing:

- **Herpes Simplex 1&2 Antibodies, IgG & IgM:** This is a panel that includes:
  - **HSV 1&2 Antibody, IgG:** Tests for and differentiates IgG Antibodies for HSV Type 1 and HSV Type 2. This test can be ordered separately.
  - **HSV Antibody IgM Screen:** This test measures total IgM and **does not** differentiate between Types 1 and 2. A reflexive test by IFA will be performed if this test is positive. This test can also be ordered separately.
- **HSV PCR, Type 1&2:** Testing is done on many sample types including CSF, Swabs, Respiratory Specimens, Body Fluids, and Tissue. Specimen type must be specified when the test is ordered. This test differentiates between Types 1 and 2.
- **Viral Culture for Herpes Simplex Type 1&2:** The culture is performed on CSF, vesicle swabs or tissue sample and will differentiate between Types 1 and 2.

### Obsolete HSV Testing:

- **Herpes Simplex I/II IgG:** This test does not differentiate between HSV1 and HSV 2
- **Herpes Simplex I/II IgG with reflex to Type Specific**

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