
MEMORANDUM

TO: PHYSICIANS LABORATORY CLIENTS

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SUBJECT: HSV (Herpes Simplex Virus) CULTURE 1 AND 2

Effective June 1, 2009, Physicians Laboratory Microbiology department is pleased to announce an improvement to our HSV Culture Test. Test #606 will be discontinued and replaced with Test #1040 HSV Culture/Type 1 and 2.

The methodology is the same as the previous test by utilizing cell culture methods to observe cytopathic effects (CPE); however, the new test will go a step further and use fluorescent antibodies specific for HSV type 1 and HSV type 2.

All positive results will now be reported with the specific type isolated in the culture.

Test # HSV Culture 1 and 2

Specimen: Tissue Swab or scraping in viral transport media.
** Record specimen source on requisition**
Swab vesicle fluid or base of lesion. Place swab in viral transport media.
Do not use calcium alginate swabs.

Storage: Refrigerated 2 days. Freeze if >2 days before transport.

Performed; Mon, Wed and Fri with results available within 24-48 hrs.

CPT code: 87255

Note: Additional CPT codes (87140) will be added if typing is performed.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari Talbert, Microbiology Supervisor or Jean Fisher, Assistant Microbiology Supervisor, at 402 731-4145 or 1-800-642-1117.