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HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS ANTIGEN

Synonym(s): HSV Ag IF, HSV Antigen

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Lab Section Category	<p>Virology</p> <p>Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx).</p>
Specimen Required	<p>Fluid and scraping from vesicles on skin or mucosa including conjunctivae and genitalia</p> <p>Biopsy samples</p> <p>Sputum, nasopharyngeal aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage</p> <p>If virus isolation is required as well, send all above in Virus Transport Medium. Otherwise, send all above in sterile bottles with 1 – 2 mL of sterile saline added.</p> <p>(See also Virology Section, General Guidelines for Viral Antigen Detection (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx) (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx))</p>
Storage and Transport	<p>Refrigerate samples until transport to laboratory. Do not freeze.</p> <p>Transport samples on ice pack to laboratory.</p>

Method	Immunofluorescence assay
Test Result	Reported as Negative or Positive
Turnaround Time	<1 – 2 days
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday – Saturday
Remarks	Positive results are reported as: Positive for Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 or Positive for Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2

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