

Herpes simplex virus PCR

Test Description	Qualitative assay for the detection of Herpes simplex virus 1 and 2 DNA in human specimens.
Test Use	To aid in the diagnosis of infection with herpes simplex virus
Test Department	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662, FAX (860) 920-6661
Methodology	Real-time PCR
Availability	Daily, Monday-Friday
Specimen Requirements	Genital or skin lesion swab submitted in viral transport media. Use only polyester or Dacron-tipped swabs with plastic or aluminum shafts. Do NOT use calcium alginate or cotton-tipped swabs, or wood shafted swabs. Fluid specimens (such as CSF) requires 2 mL in an empty sterile screw capped container
Collection Kit/Container	To request collection kit, refer to Collection Kit Ordering Information.
Collection Instructions	Vigorously swab base of lesion with swab and place in viral transport media.
Specimen Handling & Transport	Store specimen at 2-8° C. Transport with an ice pack coolant. Specimens should be received within 48 hours of collection.
Unacceptable Conditions	Unlabeled specimen Specimen that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit Specimens received more than 48 hours after collection
Requisition Form	Clinical test requisition (select Herpes simplex PCR)
Required Information	Name and address of submitter (and/or Horizon profile number) Patient name or identifier, date of birth, town of residence (city, state, zip) Specimen source/type, date collected, and test requested Please ensure patient name on requisition matches that on the specimen.
Limitations	A negative result does not rule out infection with herpes simplex virus.
Additional Comments	This test has not been cleared or approved by the FDA. It was developed and its performance characteristics have been validated by the CT DPH Laboratory.

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