

ALLINA HEALTH LABORATORY

To: Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients
From: Allina Health Laboratory outreach services
Date: November 2, 2023
Re: Herpes Simplex Virus testing change at Allina Health Laboratory

Quick Reference

Allina Health Laboratory will offer in-house testing for HSV1 and HSV2 from lesion sources beginning November 7th, 2023.

Details

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS HSV 1 and HSV 2 by NAAT (LESIONS) [LAB15175]*, (HSV L), will become a new test performed at the Allina Health Central Laboratory on November 7th, 2023. The test will replace the send out lesion testing offered on the HSV 1/2, PCR, blood or lesions [LAB13527] test. HSV 1/2, PCR, blood [LAB13527] will remain available for testing of blood, serum, or plasma samples for disseminated HSV in neonates and immunosuppressed individuals.

Lesion specimens must be collected using swabs contained in the [Aptima Multitest collection kit](#).



Note: HSV L test cannot share the collection swab with other tests.

Collection:

1. Partially open package and remove swab. Hold the swab at the score line. If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped discard the swab and get a new collection kit.
2. Vigorously swab the base of the lesion to absorb fluid, be careful to not draw blood.
3. Unscrew tube cap taking care to not spill contents.
4. Place swab in tube and break shaft at the score line against the edge of the tube. Discard top portion of shaft.
5. Tightly screw cap back onto tube and send to lab.

Transport/Stability: Transport ambient (room temperature). Stable for 30 days from collection.

Expected Turn-around-time: <3 days from receipt at Central Lab.

(*Please see test catalog for complete information)

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