

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: October 15, 2007
Re: Genital and Dermal Viral Culture Orders

It has been brought to our attention that there is confusion about which tests to order when requesting viral testing on genital and dermal (skin) specimen types.

The Viral Culture – General (7635/VGC) **should not** be ordered on specimens from genital or dermal sources. For these sources, one of the following three tests should be requested:

Test Name:	HSV by RAPID PCR
Test Number:	4495/HSD
Collect:	Multiple Specimen Types
Container:	Appropriate Container for Specimen Type
Processing:	Submit Entire Specimen
Transport/Stability:	Refrigerated
Alternate Names:	Herpes Simplex Types 1 & 2 DNA, HSV DNA PCR Types 1 & 2.
Performing Lab:	Mayo Medical Labs (80575)
Days Set Up:	M - Sa
Expected TAT:	1 - 2 Days
Ref. Ranges:	Negative = No DNA Detected
Collection/ Processing Details:	Submit ONLY one of the following: Body Fluids, CSF, Bronchial - in Sterile Conical Screw Cap Vial; Dermal, Genital or Throat Swab in RT- M4 (red cap) or Refrigerated M5 (green cap) transport media.
Method:	PCR
CPT Codes:	87529-90

Test Name: **VZ VIRUS BY RAPID PCR**

Test Number: 4771/VZP
Collect: Multiple Specimen Types
Container: Appropriate Container for Specimen Type.
Processing: Submit Entire Specimen
Transport/
Stability: Refrigerated
Alternate Names: Varicella Zoster PCR
Performing Lab: Mayo Medical Labs (81241)
Days Set Up: M - Sa
Expected TAT: 1 - 2 Days
Ref. Ranges: Negative = No DNA Detected
Collection/
Processing
Details: Submit only One of the Following: Dermal, Vesicle or Genital Swab in RT-M4 (red cap) or Refrigerated M5 (green cap) transport media; CSF in Sterile Vial (Blue Conical Screw Cap only); Tissue.

Method: PCR
CPT Codes: 87798-90

Test Name: **HSV + VZV PCR, DERMAL**

Test Number: 7898/HVP
Collect: Swab fro Lesion or Vesicle in M4/M5 Media
Container: Swab in RT- M4 (red cap) or Refrigerated M5 (green cap)
Processing: Submit Entire Specimen
Transport/
Stability: Refrigerated
Alternate Names: Herpes Simplex plus Varicella Zoster Virus
Performing Lab: Mayo Medical Labs (82048)
Days Set Up: M - Sa
Expected TAT: 1 - 2 Days
Ref. Ranges: Negative = No DNA Detected
Collection/
Processing
Details: Swab vesicle or lesion and place swab in RT-M4 (red cap) or Refrigerated M5 (green cap) transport media.

Method: PCR
CPT Codes: 87798-90 87529-90

At this time in our transition to MML, it is appropriate that you have supplies of both the M4 (red cap) and M5 (red cap) viral transport media at your clinic. Please make sure that you have supplies on hand and return all purple capped UTM-RT to AML with your regular courier.

Please share this message with all ordering providers.