

# Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients  
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services  
Date: January 16, 2007  
Re: Herpes Simplex Genital Cultures

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Effective immediately the AML Send Outs department will no longer accept "Genital" or "Genitalia" as the Source for the Herpes Simplex Genital Culture (6625/HER). The Genitalia **must** be identified; Vulva, Vagina, Labia, Penis, Testes, etc.

The genital herpes simplex culture is validated for adult or children over 12 years of age *genital specimens only*. If other sources are cultured using this test, it is possible that viruses can be missed.

For any source other than Genitalia (vulva, vagina, labia, penis, testes etc) a General Viral Culture (7635/VGC) must be ordered.

If you have any question regarding this, please contact your AML Account Representative.