

Clinical Laboratory Testing Update

New Test - HSV Blood

Notification Date: 01/02/2023

Effective Date: 01/30/2024

Explanation: Effective January 30th, Herpes Simplex Virus testing on whole blood specimens by Qualitative PCR will be performed at Pathology Laboratory in the Microbiology Department. This testing will replace testing currently sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories. This insourcing will aid in the rapid diagnosis of disseminated disease due to herpes simplex virus (HSV).

Test Information:

| Epic Code | Sunquest Order Code | Epic Name | Reference Range | Critical Value |
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| LAB6339 | HSVBLD | HSV PCR (HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS) | Not Detected | Not applicable |

Specimen Collection:

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| Collection | Collect blood in a lavender EDTA tube. |
| Transport | Send 1.0 mL of whole blood in original tube. Do NOT centrifuge or aliquot. (Minimum volume: 0.3 mL). Send |
| Methodology | Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) |
| Performed | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Day shift |
| Analytical Time | 3 days |
| Stability | Refrigerated: 7 days |
| CPT Code | 87529 |

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