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HSV 1/2 IGM Update reminder:

As a result of the 2021 CDC STI Guidelines and concurrent recommendations by other agencies, many laboratories have discontinued offering the HSV 1-2 IGM assay. IGM tests have low specificity and do not differentiate between HSV-1 and HSV-2 infections making IGM tests clinically insignificant in patient care.

Effective June 26th 2023, the test HSV12IGM (HSV 1 and 2 IgM Ab Reflex to Titer) will be discontinued. Please consider using alternate tests for assessment of HSV infection:

HSV IGM: Herpes Simplex Virus 1 and 2 IgM Antibody

HSV BF: Herpes Simplex Virus PCR Qual, Non-Blood

HSV PB: Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection PCR, Blood

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