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Herpes Simplex Virus – IGM Testing Discontinued

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 IGG: Herpes Simplex Virus 1 and 2 IgM Antibody
HSV BF: Herpes Simplex Virus PCR Qual, Non-Blood
HSVPB: Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection PCR, Blood

Urine Protein Electrophoresis and Urine Immunofixation

Due to critical staffing, protein electrophoresis and immunofixation testing on urine specimens will be referred to Mayo Clinical Laboratory.

Questions can be directed to Jennifer Lehman, Core Laboratory Manager at (515) 247-4484.

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