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**Title:** Alternative Test Recommendations

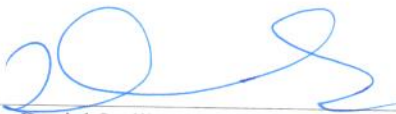
**Test:** Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) IgM

**Explanation of change:** Mayo Clinic Laboratories discontinued testing of HSV IgM. This was discontinued due to several limitations of HSV IgM testing, including the inability to accurately differentiate between HSV-1 and HSV-2, prolonged time between infection and seroconversion and prolonged positivity of anti-HSV IgM antibodies following infection.

As alternatives to HSV IgM testing for the diagnosis of acute HSV infection Mayo Clinic Laboratories recommends molecular testing for the clinically-affected areas. For determination of patient exposure history to HSV, Mayo Clinic Laboratories recommends type-specific HSV IgG testing.

**Recommended Alternative Tests:**

- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection, PCR, Specimen Varies
  - Test ID: LHSV
- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection, PCR, Blood
  - Test ID: LHSVB
- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Molecular Detection, PCR, Spinal Fluid
  - Test ID: HSVC
- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Type 1- and Type 2-Specific Antibodies, IgG, Serum
  - Test ID: HSVG



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