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Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Title: Viral Culture, Dermal Ordering Change

Test: Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) and Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV), Molecular Detection, PCR

Explanation of change: Mayo Medical Laboratory no longer offers a Viral Culture, Dermal testing (HSV and VZV PCR) panel. Instead, individual HSV and VZV PCR tests must be ordered separately.

Recommended Alternative Test(s):

Herpes Simplex Virus PCR and Varicella-Zoster Virus PCR (if Varicella testing also desired)

Note: If testing for both HSV and VZV is required, 2 separate specimens should be submitted. One sample should be ordered for Herpes Simplex Virus PCR and the second for Varicella-Zoster Virus PCR.

	Old	New
Test Code	HSV/VZV Derm PCR (HSVZDERM)	Herpes Simplex Virus PCR (HSVPCR) and Varicella-Zoster Virus PCR (VZVPCR) (if testing desired)
Specimen	Varies depending on source – see Cayuga Lab Test Catalog <u>Single collection</u> for both HSV and VZV PCR	Varies depending on source – see Cayuga Lab Test Catalog <u>Separate collection</u> if both HSV and VZV PCR are ordered


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