

Microbiology Testing Update

Effective August 19, 2024

Test Discontinued – Herpes Simplex IgM

Effective August 19, 2024, Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories (WDL) will discontinue offering Herpes Simplex Virus Antibody IgM (HSV IgM)

The HSV IgM test has several limitations, including 1) prolonged positivity (3-6 months) of anti-HSV IgM antibodies following infection, 2) inadequate predictive value for acute infections, and 3) the inability to differentiate between HSV-1 and HSV-2. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) do not recommend anti-IgM testing.

The preferred diagnostic test for patients with suspected active HSV infection is the Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 and 2 Nucleic Acid Amplified Test (NAAT) (LAB6080).

Serologic testing for IgG-class antibodies to HSV is also available (Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 Glycoprotein, IgG [LAB9115] and Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2-Specific Antibody, IgG [LAB9116]).

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