

<b>TEST:</b>	<b>HSV serology</b>
Synonym:	Herpes simplex virus (HSV) type 1 & 2 IgG serology
Laboratory/Phone:	443-681-3938/3931
Turnaround Time:	5 days
Specimen Required:	Serum
Specimen identification:	Label tube with patients first and last name
Specimen Volume (Optimum):	2 ml.
Specimen Volume (Minimum):	1 ml.
Collect:	Red-top vacutainer
Form:	DHMH 4677
Packaging and Shipping:	See packaging for transport instructions in Guide
Transport Conditions:	Ambient temperature for specimens on the blood clot, separated serum at 2-8°C (refrigerated) or -20°C (frozen).
Specimen Rejection Criteria:	Hemolysis; insufficient volume, specimen collected > 5 days prior to arrival without being stored frozen
Availability:	Monday through Friday
Results and Interpretation:	<b>POSITIVE</b> —Presumptive evidence of IgG antibodies to HSV-1/HSV-2 <b>NEGATIVE</b> —No IgG antibodies to HSV-1/HSV-2 detected <b>EQUIVOCAL</b> —Immunological status cannot be determined, please re-draw patient in 4-12 weeks.
Reference Range:	N/A
Additional Information:	<b>The performance of this assay has not been established for use in a pediatric population or for neonatal screening.</b>
Purpose of Test:	Detect IgG antibody to HSV
Method:	EIA
Interfering Substances:	Icteric, hemolyzed, lipemic or heat inactivation of specimen
Testing Site:	DHMH Laboratories Administration, Central Laboratory 1770 Ashland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205
Comment:	May not detect a recent infection, or infection in a person with a severely compromised immune system.