Effective February 23, 2016, the method for detecting HSV 1 & 2 by PCR in lesion swabs will change. This new test is validated for all cutaneous (skin, penile) and mucocutaneous (anorectal, vaginal, cervical, nares, ocular, oral lesions and urethral) lesion swab specimens. Testing will be performed using the FDA-cleared Quidel AmpliVue HSV 1&2 Assay. This test is more sensitive than viral isolation and direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) testing and is intended for use as an aid in the diagnosis of HSV infection in symptomatic male and female patients. The assay currently in use is for vaginal lesion swab testing only and will be discontinued.

**SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Collect:**
- Cutaneous or mucocutaneous lesion swab specimen in Universal Transport Medium (UTM)
- SWAB collection kit information:
  - DESCRIPTION: Swab UTM-RT (Universal Transport Media)
  - CAL CODE: 51001423
  - MANUFACTURER #: Diagnostic Hybrids #403C

**Transport:**
- Transport refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C

**Storage:**
- Stable for up to 5 days at 2°C to 8°C
- For long term storage, -70°C or colder

**Unacceptable**
- Dry swabs

**RESULTS:**
HSV 1 and 2 results will be reported electronically in EMR as one of the following:
- Positive for HSV Type 1
- Positive for HSV Type 2
- Negative for HSV (Types 1 and 2)

**PERFORMED:**
- Monday-Friday

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