

Herpes Simplex 1/2 & Varicella-Zoster Virus PCR, Lesion Testing

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ProMedica Laboratories is changing the testing platform for Herpes Simplex 1/2 (HSV12) and Varicella Zoster (VZV) PCR from lesions, due to a discontinuation of the previous platform.

Samples collected should be sent to the laboratory on ice. Once collected, samples must be refrigerated at 2-8°C until testing can be performed.

Specimen source / collection container:

- Swab of cutaneous or mucocutaneous lesions placed in M4RT or UTM – no change to current specimen source / container.

Test order information:

- Varicella Zoster PCR, lesion (VZVPCR) ***New Standalone VZV PCR lesion test***
 - Epic Order Code: LAB2514
 - CPT Code: 87798
- Herpes Simplex 1/2 PCR, lesion (HSV12) – No change to current test order
 - Epic Order Code: LAB917B
 - CPT Code: 87529 x2
- Herpes Simplex 1/2 & Varicella Zoster PCR, lesion (HSVVZV) – No change to current test order
 - Epic Order Code: LAB917A
 - CPT Code: 87529 x2, 87798



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