

**Reporting Title: HSV Culture from Neonates****Performing Location: Rochester****Specimen Requirements:**

This test should only be performed on patients younger than 35 days in age. It is intended for the recovery of Herpes Simplex Virus in suspected cases of congenital herpes.

Forms: If not ordering electronically, submit a Microbiology Request Form (Supply T244) with the specimen.

Specimen source is required.

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Swab

Sources: Ocular, Rectal, Skin, Dermal, Mouth, Nasopharynx, Conjunctiva, Eye, Anus

Container/Tube: Dacron-tipped swab with plastic handle (Supply T507)

Specimen Volume: Swab

Collection Instructions: Place swab in M5 viral transport media.

Additional Information: Swab with a wood handle has been shown to be toxic to some viruses and is not acceptable for culture.

Specimen Type: Urine

Container/Tube: Sterile container

Specimen Volume: 1 mL

Specimen Type: Stool

Container/Tube: Sterile container

Specimen Volume: 5-10 g

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Varies	Refrigerated	7 days

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
VHSV	HSV Culture from Neonates	Alphanumeric		In Process

**CPT Code: 2 x 87254**

**Reference Values:**

No virus isolated