

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Date:** May 16, 2011

Dear Valued Clients:

Foundation Laboratory is pleased to announce that effective May 16, 2011 Herpes culture will be performed in-house.

Genital herpes can present itself with variety of symptoms ranging from the “classical” genital lesions to “atypical” symptoms such as reddening and irritation on genitals, groin or buttocks or vaginal discharge. In recurrent cases, symptoms may be very mild and go unnoticed or completely absent.

Aside from PCR, viral cultures are considered the gold standard. There are no false positives, however, false negatives may occur when the sample is not collected properly from an active lesion, specimen not stored properly prior to arrival at the laboratory, using improper transport media or if expired viral transport media is used.

Foundation Laboratory uses a cell culture media in conjunction with Enzyme Linked Virus Inducible System (ELVIS) for identification of the virus and positive cultures will reflex to fluorescent typing for Herpes-1 and Herpes-2.

### **Specimen Requirements:**

- Swab in viral transport media

### **Turn Around Time:**

- 48 hours

For supplies and other needs please contact your Foundation Laboratory representative.

Sincerely,

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