

SUREPATH OUT-OF-VIAL HSV-1 and -2 TESTING

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Dear Colleague:

Pathology, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of Herpes simplex Virus (HSV) types 1 and 2 molecular testing from SurePath™ liquid-based Pap Test specimens. With this new addition, Pathology, Inc. now offers HSV-1 and -2 testing on **both ThinPrep® and SurePath** specimens.

Pathology, Inc. has **validated both SurePath and ThinPrep** liquid-based Pap Tests as **acceptable out-of-the-vial specimens** for molecular testing of the following HSV assays:

Herpes simplex Virus Types 1 & 2 [522]
Herpes simplex Virus Type 1 [520]
Herpes simplex Virus Type 2 [521]

The **Herpes simplex Virus Types 1 & 2 (HSV-1 / HSV-2) [522]** test identifies the presence of HSV-1 or HSV-2 and is performed by real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Molecular amplification techniques can be more sensitive than culture for Herpes Virus infection since molecular methods detect viral DNA and do NOT require the presence of viable organisms.

Turnaround time is 48 to 72 hours. Proper HSV identification is important in selecting the most appropriate treatment option, particularly in pregnant women.

Pathology, Inc. also offers the following molecular testing out-of-the vial for both SurePath and ThinPrep specimens:

SurePath and ThinPrep Out-of-the-Vial Molecular Testing

- **HPV High Risk [632]**
- **HPV High & Low Risk [634]**
- **HPV Genotyping Reflex [635]** (if HPV high-risk positive)
- **HPV Genotyping [636]** (Only for patients with prior HPV+ history)
- **Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoea [536]** Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Chlamydia [534]** Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Gonorrhoea [535]** Method: Target Amplified Nucleic Acid Probe
- **Herpes simplex Virus Types 1 & 2 [522]** Method: RT-PCR
- **Herpes simplex Virus Type 1 [520]** Method: RT-PCR
- **Herpes simplex Virus Type 2 [521]** Method: RT-PCR

We thank you for choosing Pathology, Inc. and look forward to your continued support. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pathologyinc.com or contact client services at 877.922.7284.

Sincerely,



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