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## **Viral Culture Rapid, Lesion-HSV&VZV**

**Test Code:** MCB

**Specimen Type:** Swab in viral transport media(M4)

**Tube Type / Collection Container:** M4 media

**Specimen Volume:** 1 ML fluid, 0.5g tissue

**Specimen Handling:**

**Specimen Storage:** Refrigerate 2-8 C

**Specimen Collection Notes:** Specimen best collected within first 3 days after appearance of lesion but no more than 7 days. Do not prepare the collection site with alcohol or iodophors. After collection remove cap from transport media tube and insert swab aseptically into transport tube, mix vigorously in the medium. Break off swab shaft enough so that it will not interfere with closing the cap and to prevent tube leakage in transport. Transport refrigerated to lab within 24hrs. / If fluid is obtained, transfer up to 2ml to the M4 media. / Specify source/origin of collection.

**Department:** Reference Laboratory

**Reference Lab Code:** 186056

