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Re: **Assay Discontinuation: HSV IgM Antibody**

Effective August 14, 2024 HSV IgM antibody testing will no longer be available through PennLabs. The discontinuation of this test follows CDC guidelines that HSV IgM should not be used for the diagnosis of herpes infection. [HSV by molecular detection](#) is the preferred test when lesions are present. If lesions are not present, [type specific HSV antibodies](#) can be used as an alternative test. For acute infections with negative type specific antibodies, repeat antibody testing should be considered.

References:

[Herpes - STI Treatment Guidelines \(cdc.gov\)](#)

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