
Subject: Important Update to Herpes Lesion Collection Kits for Test Code SC01744

Dear Submitter,

Starting **August 3, 2026**, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene will transition the collection kit used for Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) testing of anogenital lesions (Test Code SC01744) from viral transport media (VTM) collection kits to Hologic Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kits.

What is changing?

- **Anogenital lesion specimens:** Please begin using the Hologic Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit (**orange kit**) for HSV testing. (includes lesions on the genitals, perineum, and within 1 inch of the anus)
- **Non-genital lesion specimens:** Please continue to use the current **VTM collection kits**.

What is not changing?

- **Test code:** No change
- **Test price:** No change
- **Test ordering process:** No change

Test directory entry for the Herpes Simplex Virus 1 and 2 TMA assay:

<https://apps.slh.wisc.edu/testrefsearch/public/searchTestDetails/8302/h/getTestsAlpha>

Hologic Aptima collection kits may be ordered through the WSLH supply request process:

<https://www.slh.wisc.edu/clinical/diseases/supplies/>

Important Collection Reminder

Although the Orange Aptima collection kit is the same collection system used for several sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests, **HSV testing cannot be combined with testing for other STIs in the same collection kit**. If additional STI testing is requested, a separate collection kit and specimen must be collected. If collecting multiple orange kits from the same patient, it is important to clearly label one as being from a lesion for herpes testing. Failure to label may result in specimen rejection.

Transition

We encourage submitters to begin transitioning right away to the orange Aptima collection kits for anogenital lesions. We will stop accepting VTM kits for anogenital lesions starting on November 3rd, 2026. Please review the [Lesion Collection Instructions](#), which provide detailed guidance for specimen collection using the new kit.

If you have any questions regarding specimen collection or test ordering, please contact the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene **Customer Service 800-862-1013**.

Thank you for your partnership and continued commitment to providing high-quality specimens for patient testing.

Sincerely,

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