

Effective Date: January 20, 2026

TEST CHANGE

Varicella-Zoster Virus and Herpes Simplex Virus DFA with Reflex to Varicella-Zoster Virus Culture and Herpes Simplex Virus Culture

0060283, VZV HSVFAC

Specimen Requirements:		
Patient Preparation:	Collect vesicle specimen during first 3 days of rash.	
Collect:	Vesicle fluid or swab, tissue, or skin scrapings. Swab should be rolled in base of fresh vesicle to obtain cells.	
Specimen Preparation:	Immediately transfer specimen to viral transport media (ARUP Supply #12884) and refrigerate (extremely temperature sensitive). Available online through eSupply using ARUP Connect(TM) or contact ARUP Client Services at 800-522-2787.	
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated.	
Unacceptable Conditions:	Bone marrow, CSF, or whole blood. Calcium alginate, eSwab, dry or wood swabs.	
Remarks:	Specimen source preferred.	
Stability:	Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 48 hours; Frozen: Unacceptable	
Methodology:	Immunofluorescent Direct Fluorescent Antibody (DFA) Stain / Cell Culture	
Note:	If DFA results are negative or inadequate, then VZV and HSV cultures will be added. Additional charges apply.	
	Sensitivity of DFA methodology is dependent upon adequacy of the specimen. If the specimen contains fewer than 20 cells, then DFA results will be reported as "inadequate."	
CPT Codes:	87290; 87274; 87273; if reflexed, add 87252; 87254; 87255	
New York DOH Approval Status:	This test is New York DOH approved.	
Interpretive Data:		

Reference Interval:

<u>Test</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Components</u>	Reference Interval
	Herpes Simplex Virus 1, DFA	<u>Negative</u>
	Herpes Simplex Virus 2, DFA	<u>Negative</u>
	Varicella-Zoster Virus, DFA with Reflex	<u>Negative</u>

Negative

HOTLINE NOTE: There is a component change associated with this test. One or more components have been added or removed. Refer to the Hotline Test Mix for interface build information.



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