

About This Test

The Herpes Simplex IgG Antibody test is used to determine if you have been exposed to Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV).

- If antibodies are detected (Positive result) - you have been exposed to herpes simplex virus - either HSV-1 or HSV-2.
- If antibodies are NOT detected (Negative result) - you most likely have not been exposed to the herpes simplex virus (either HSV-1 or HSV-2).

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) consists of two types - HSV1 and HSV2. HSV causes cold sores (or fever blisters) and genital herpes. Cold sores are typically caused by HSV1 and are found on the lips. Genital herpes is usually caused by HSV2. However, both types may cause infections at either body site and both are contagious. It is believed that 50% to 80% of adults in the U.S. have HSV-1 and up to 20% may be infected with HSV-2. Once infected and after the initial outbreak, the HSV will remain dormant in the body. During stress or illness, the virus may reactivate, causing another outbreak.

HSV can be a serious threat to newborns if the mother has an active genital herpes outbreak during birth. The mother can infect the infant during birth potentially causing serious neurological issues or even death for the baby. HSV can also be serious for people whose immune systems are compromised like in the case of HIV/AIDS or for those who have undergone an organ transplant.

What Should I Do With My Results?

It is always recommended that you meet with a doctor to determine what your laboratory test results mean to you. Your doctor will review all of your test results and, combined with your health history, he or she will be able to provide an accurate picture of your health status.

POSITIVE (>1.10): A positive result means that antibodies for the herpes simplex virus have been detected. The result will also indicate the type of virus, either HSV-1 or HSV-2.

If your result was **NEGATIVE (<0.90):** A negative result means no herpes simplex virus antibodies were detected.

If your result was **EQUIVOCAL (0.90 - 1.10):** It is not possible to obtain a clear positive or negative HSV result.



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How Do I Obtain My Results?

Results are available through our online patient portal, My Labs NowSM. Visit www.compunetlab.com to sign in or setup an account. Or text MYLABS to 66349. Follow The signup link in the text message you receive. Please be sure your name exactly matches the name on your lab test order. Contact help@luminatehealth.com if you need assistance. CompuNet is unable to provide verbal results to patients.

I Do Not Have a Regular Doctor. Where Can I Find One?

If you do not have a doctor, we recommend the following resources to locate one:

Premier Health Find a Doctor

(937) 684-4155 or 1-855-PREMIER
www.premierhealth.com/findadoc

WebMD Care

www.doctor.webmd.com

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