

HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS -HSV I-IGM

Profile Details | 1 Parameters

Fasting: Fasting is not mandatory | Report Time: Same Day



Specimen Required: Blood

Price- ₹780 ₹425

Parameters Included

About This Test

A herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1) IgM test measures the presence of IgM antibodies against HSV-1 in the blood. Here's what this means: - **HSV-1:** This is a common virus that typically causes oral herpes, which leads to cold sores or fever blisters around the mouth. It can also cause genital herpes, though HSV-2 is more commonly associated with genital infections. - **IgM Antibodies:** Immunoglobulin M (IgM) is one of the first antibodies produced by the immune system in response to an infection. The presence of IgM antibodies typically indicates a recent or current infection. Over time, IgM levels decrease and IgG antibodies, which provide longer-term immunity, increase. - **Test Interpretation:** A positive HSV-1 IgM test result suggests a recent or active HSV-1 infection. However, the IgM test can sometimes produce false positives and does not distinguish between primary (initial) and recurrent infections. For this reason, it is often used in conjunction with other tests, such as HSV-1 IgG antibody tests, which measure longer-term immunity. Overall, the HSV-1 IgM test helps in the diagnosis of a recent or ongoing HSV-1 infection, providing information that can guide treatment and management.



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