HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS -HSV II-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 II (HSV-2) IgM test measures the presence of IgM antibodies against HSV-2 in the blood. Here's what this entails: - **HSV-2:** This virus primarily causes genital herpes, characterized by sores and blisters in the genital and anal areas. It can also cause infections in other parts of the body. - **IgM Antibodies:** Immunoglobulin M (IgM) is one of the first types of antibodies produced by the immune system in response to an infection. The presence of IgM antibodies generally indicates a recent or active infection. - **Test Interpretation:** - **Positive HSV-2 IgM:** Suggests a recent or current HSV-2 infection. However, IgM tests can sometimes produce false positives and do not distinguish well between primary (initial) and recurrent infections. - **Negative HSV-2 IgM:** Suggests that there is no recent or current HSV-2 infection, although it does not rule out past infection. - **Limitations:** The HSV-2 IgM test can have limitations, including cross-reactivity with HSV-1, leading to potential false positives. Additionally, because IgM levels can decline quickly after the initial infection, they may not be present during later stages or recurrent infections. Overall, the HSV-2 IgM test is used to detect recent or active HSV-2 infections and is often part of a broader diagnostic approach, which may include IgG antibody tests and clinical evaluation.

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