

**Diagnostic Laboratories** 

## **Herpes By PCR**

Specimen source: skin, genital, throat, eye, rectal; Collect specimen with a **plastic shaft swab**, may use a **routine culturette**. Swish the swab in the Viral Transport Media (M4) and remove the swab. Refrigerate at 2-8 C until transported. CSF or amniotic fluid submit in sterile container and refrigerate. Whole blood in Lavender EDTA