

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

## Universal Viral Transport Medium (UTM)

UTM can be used to collect specimens from any cutaneous or mucocutaneous site from male or female patients.

### HSV Specimens:

- Aseptically remove sterile swab from package.
- For crusted lesions, pre-moisten the swab with either saline or sterile water.
- De-roof the crust, and swab the lesion firmly working from outer base of lesion to the interior.
- Aseptically remove cap from vial.
- Place swab into transport media, break off handle and recap transport vial.
- Fill out vial label with full patient name and one other unique identifier.
- **No other testing may be ordered off an HSV collection.**



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