

**SBAR: Temporary Substitution for HSV & VZV PCR Dermal Specimen Collection Kits**

**Situation:** Collection kits for HSV & VZV PCR dermal specimens are on an extended backorder. The current and replacement containers are pictured below.

**Current Collection Container (media and swab packaged together):**



**Replacement Collection Container (media and swab packaged separately):**

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**Background:** There is a national shortage of supplies due to overwhelming national demand for SARS-CoV-2 collection kits and test reagents, which has caused companies to shift their manufacturing focus.

**Assessment:** Effective immediately, we do not have adequate collection kits to support current testing volumes.

**Recommendation:** Stock inventory metro carts with the replacement items above.