

Scores and analyses from the September 2007 Herpes Group Virus Only Panel (HGVO) and the Herpes Group Virus Only: Limited to Herpes Simplex Testing Panel of the NYSDOH Virology Proficiency Testing Program can be found below. Validation criteria require a sample to be correctly identified by at least 80% of participating laboratories. All five sample identities have been confirmed by reference laboratories. CLIA and CLEP establish a passing grade at 80% or greater. In this event, all five samples in the HGVO-limited to HSV panels were validated. Two samples in the HGVO panel, 973 and 975, were invalidated due to a 75% consensus for each respectively. However, **Please Note:** since there are only four laboratories participating in this PT panel now, if a single laboratory fails to detect the virus present in a sample, or erroneously detects one in a negative sample due to cross-contamination, this automatically results in a 75% consensus and necessitates invalidation of the sample. This is clearly problematic and we wish to advise that the elimination of this panel is under serious consideration. Your laboratory will be notified as soon as a final decision is made.

#### Herpes Group Virus Only Scoring Analysis: 4 Participating Laboratories

Sample #	971	972	973	974	975
Sample Identification	No virus	Herpes simplex virus, type 2	Herpes simplex virus, type 1	Herpes simplex virus, type 1	CMV
Titer Log <sub>10</sub> per ml	0	3.7	6.5	6.5	5.2
Laboratories Scoring 100%	4	4	3	4	3

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Participating Laboratories	4*	0	0	0	0	0

*\* Two participants received 100% due to sample invalidation*

**Herpes Group Virus Only: Limited to Herpes Simplex Virus  
Scoring Analysis: 13 Participating Laboratories**

Sample #	976	977	978	979	980
<b>Sample Identification</b>	Herpes simplex virus, type 2	Herpes simplex virus, type 1	No virus	Herpes simplex virus, type 2	Herpes simplex virus, type 1
<b>Titer Log 10 per ml</b>	7.0	0	6.5	6.5	7.0
<b>Laboratories Scoring 100%</b>	13	13	12	13	12

Total Score For Panel	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
<b>Participating Laboratories</b>	12	0	1	0	0	0

The Virology Proficiency Testing Program would like to apologize for any confusion or inconvenience you may have encountered during the September 2007 events. The Electronic Proficiency Testing Reporting System (EPTRS) became mandatory on June 1, 2007 and the intent was to become “paperless”. We are grateful for your patience and cooperation. The comments and feedback we received from the laboratories will help us make improvements along the way. Please call us with any questions you may have or if you need assistance.

In future Virology PT events:

- Generic worksheets will be provided for your optional use. Please do not return these worksheets to us.
- Participants **MUST** enter responses in ALL fields when reporting electronically; scores may be adversely affected if there are blank fields.
- If you are using a confirmation method that detects and types a virus, it is expected that you will report the virus type.

Please Note: Participation in EPTRS became mandatory on June 1, 2007. Laboratories must submit test results for future events electronically by logging in to: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/doh3/applinks/eptrs/> entering their results and clicking the “**Submit/Attest**” button on the EPTRS Summary Page.

## Requests for submitting results via paper

If the Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program (CLEP) is contacted prior to an event for permission to submit results via paper, this request may be approved under extenuating circumstances. However, the lack of active HPN accounts, the lack of submission roles, or the lack of Internet access will not excuse a laboratory from having to submit results electronically as multiple letters, monthly bulletins and emails have been sent to laboratory directors, laboratory contact persons, laboratory staff handling proficiency test samples and HPN account holders since June 19, 2006. Please note that if a laboratory does receive permission to submit results via paper from CLEP, then the paper results must be received by the due date as published:

<http://www.wadsworth.org/labcert/clep/PT/PTschedule.htm>

This due date is no longer a postmark date and is the same date as the deadline for electronic submissions! Without such approval from CLEP, mailed or faxed proficiency test results will no longer be acceptable and will result in a **failure for non-participation**.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns at (518) 869-4540.