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SUBJECT **New minisite for biokit HSV-2
Rapid Test and Biokit USA**



We are pleased to announce that Biokit now has a new minisite on the Internet with information about a new product, biokit HSV 2 Rapid Test. Biokit USA has exclusive distribution rights in the United States. The site also includes information about Biokit USA.

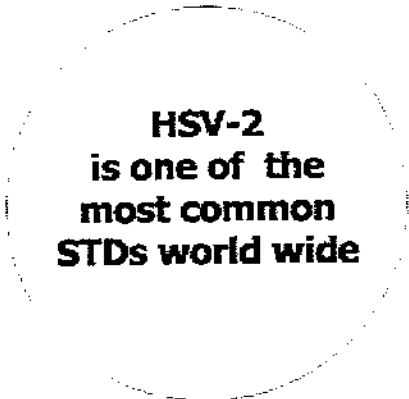
You can access the site through the English language home page of Biokit (www.biokit.com) by clicking on the message "enter biokit USA/biokit HSV 2 Rapid Test" or directly at www.biokitusa.com.

biokit HSV 2 Rapid Test detects HSV 2 specific antibodies in less than 10 minutes. The product is currently only available in the USA but Biokit is working to make it available worldwide in the near future.

Some examples of the information you can get from the site are attached.

biokitHSV-2 Rapid Test

INTRODUCTION



**HSV-2
is one of the
most common
STDs world wide**

FACT: 50-60 million people are infected with genital herpes (HSV-2) today in the United States.

FACT: 90% of them don't know they have HSV-2.

Who's at Risk?

- o Any patient at risk for sexually transmitted diseases (STD) including HIV.
- o People who have a history of symptoms suggestive of genital herpes.

About Genital Herpes

Genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 (HSV-1) and type 2 (HSV-2).

Over 80% of recurring genital herpes is due to HSV-2. Type-specific serology has been shown to be the best way to detect persons with subclinical or recurring genital herpes.

The CDC recommends that at risk patients be offered type-specific serology tests to accurately distinguish between HSV-1 and HSV-2 infections.

Once HSV-2 is diagnosed by testing, therapy can suppress HSV-2, reduce painful outbreaks, and decrease the risk of transmitting HSV-2 to a partner.

Testing and treatment may also reduce the risk of acquiring HIV or experiencing HIV progression.

A type-specific gG-2 immunoassay kit is a leading aid in the diagnosis of genital herpes. Only glycoprotein G (gG-2) based assays have been shown to be accurate in detecting antibodies to HSV-2.

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CHARACTERISTICS RAPID TEST



biokitHSV-2 Rapid test Kit Features

biokitHSV-2 Rapid Test Kit Features

- o Type-specific serology test recommended by experts
- o Finger-stick blood or serum specimens
- o 7-10 minute test time
- o Easy to use

Two-reagent system

Built-in controls

- o Sensitivity - 96% (compared to viral culture and Western blot)
- o Specificity - 98% (compared to viral culture and Western blot)
- o Seroconversion in as little as two weeks
- o Designed for use in Physician's Offices, Laboratories, Family Practice and STD clinics

Product Information

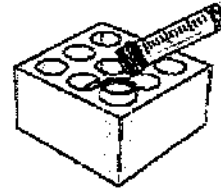
- o Packaging - 20 tests per kit
- o Product Number - 3000-28001
- o CPT Code - 86696

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PROCEDURE



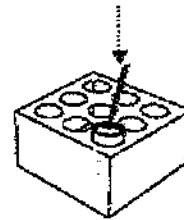
1. Label the device with the patient's name or identification number and peel back the protective label, revealing the round TEST WINDOW.



2. Place the empty plastic Vial 1 into a rack. Pour contents of the Sample Diluent vial into Vial 1 and discard the empty Sample Diluent vial.



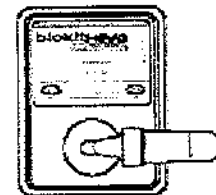
3. Take the patient's blood sample, using the capillary pipet provided. When using serum (50µl) dispense directly into vial.



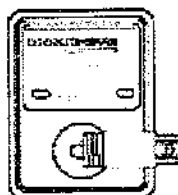
4. Place the blood-filled capillary tube into Vial 1 which contains the sample diluent buffer.



5. Fit the pre-filter tip onto Vial 1, ensuring that the tip clicks securely into the vial. Gently mix the blood sample and diluent by inverting Vial 1 several times.



6. Keeping the pre-filter tip on the vial, squeeze all the sample/diluent mixture onto the TEST WINDOW, by squeezing the middle of the vial.



7. Allow the sample diluent mixture to be absorbed into the test device. Mix the developing reagent by inverting several times. Remove lid, dispense into the TEST WINDOW.



8. Read and record the results of the test.