

**Table 5. Herpes Blood Tests Quick Reference Guide** (from [http://www.ashastd.org/pdfs/blood\\_test.pdf](http://www.ashastd.org/pdfs/blood_test.pdf), accessed February 3, 2005)

	biokit HSV-2 Rapid Test <sup>†</sup>	HerpeSelect®		CAPTIA™ HSV IgG Type Specific ELISA
		ELISA	Immunoblot	
<b>Supplier</b>	biokit USA (formerly Diagnology with POCKit® test)	Focus Diagnostics, Inc. (formerly Focus Technologies)		Trinity Biotech USA
<b>FDA Approved</b>	Yes (August 1999)	Yes (February 2000)	Yes (April 2000)	Yes (July 2004)
<b>Antibodies Detected</b>	HSV-2 only	HSV-1 <i>or</i> HSV-2	HSV-1 <i>and</i> HSV-2	HSV-1 <i>or</i> HSV-2
<b>Sensitivity</b> (no false negatives)	93-96% accurate*	96-100% accurate*	97-100% accurate*	90-100% accurate**
<b>Specificity</b> (no false positives)	95-98% accurate*	97-100% accurate*	98% accurate*	90-99% accurate**
<b>HRC Recommended Window Period</b>	12 to 16 weeks after exposure	12 to 16 weeks after exposure	12 to 16 weeks after exposure	12 to 16 weeks after exposure
<b>Collection Method</b>	Finger prick/blood	Blood draw (sent to local lab)	Blood draw (sent to local lab)	Blood draw (sent to local lab)
<b>Test Location</b>	In provider office	Various labs	Various labs	Various labs
<b>Result Time</b>	Less than 10 minutes	~ 1 to 2 weeks	~ 1 to 2 weeks	~ 1 to 2 weeks
<b>Can Be Used During Pregnancy</b>	Not FDA approved	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Manufacturer's List Price Per Test</b> (does <b>not</b> include provider or lab fees)	~ \$20	~ \$4	~ \$19	~ \$4
<b>Phone Number</b>	Toll-free (800) 926-3353	Toll-free (800) 505-0536 (to find a specific lab)		Toll-free (800) 325-3424 (to find a specific lab)
<b>Web site</b>	<a href="http://www.biokit.com/">http://www.biokit.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.herpesselect.com/">http://www.herpesselect.com/</a>		<a href="http://www.trinitybiotech.com">http://www.trinitybiotech.com</a>

\* Adapted from Reference (8).

\*\* Adapted from Reference (8), and from FDA Summary of Safety and Effectiveness Information CAPTIA™ HSV-2 IgG Type Specific Test Kit, July 2004.

† Also available from Fisher HealthCare as Sure-Vue™ HSV-2 Rapid Test. For more information, call toll-free (800) 766-7000 or log on to [www.fisherhealthcare.com](http://www.fisherhealthcare.com).