
Role of herpes simplex virus in cervicitis

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Herpes Simplex Viruses (HSV) are among the most common infectious agents of man. HSV-2 infection is becoming appreciated as a common venereal disease in several countries. Because of incompleteness of information, the total impact of the relation of herpes simplex viruses to human cancers, abortions, birth defects and chronic neurological diseases cannot be ascertained at present. The present work was planned to study the detection rate of HSV infection in the female cervix. The material of this study included 250 females, diagnosed clinically as follows: 1-103 women with apparently normal cervix. 2-92 women with cervical erosion. 3-47 women with chronic cervicitis. 4-8 women with cervical cancer. 5-28 pregnant females: 14 in first trimester, 8 in the second trimester and 6 in the third trimester. 6-12 women with IUCD. From all patients cervical scrapings were obtained for culture on BGM, DFA and Papanicolaou staining.