





## Standard-Dose vs. High-Dose Valtrex Shedding Study

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-  Men and Women
-  Drug study
-  Swabbing study
-  Blood draws

**Purpose:** To evaluate the effectiveness of standard-dose valacyclovir (Valtrex) compared to high-dose valacyclovir (Valtrex) for reduction of HSV-2 asymptomatic genital shedding in persons with genital herpes.

**Study Visits and Procedures:** At the first visit, participants will be screened for HSV-2 and HIV status, and also for pregnancy if volunteer is female. For eligible participants, involvement in the study will last 11-weeks and with clinic visits happening every 2 weeks, for a total of 8 study visits lasting about 30 minutes. At each visit, participant will be given medication to take daily (either standard-dose or high-dose valacyclovir; everyone will receive both doses of medication at some point during this study). We will ask volunteers to complete a daily symptom diary and collect daily home swabs 4 times a day, each day during the study. Each daily home swab will take less than 3 minutes to perform.

<i>We need:</i>	<i>We provide:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men and women age 18 or older</li> <li>HIV seronegative</li> <li>HIV seropositive, CD4 count &gt;250 and not taking antiretroviral therapy</li> <li>Women cannot be pregnant or planning to become pregnant, and must use birth control throughout duration of study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HSV, HIV, and pregnancy testing</li> <li>\$320 for completion of the entire study</li> </ul>

