Genital Ulcers

- Patient complains of **genital blisters/ulcers**

Are the lesions typical of genital herpes?

- **Multiple, tender, shallow ulcerations +/- inguinal adenopathy**

YES

Investigations:

- **Viral swab** - MUST rub base of lesion firmly to obtain adequate sample

Treatment:

- **Aciclovir 200mg 5 x daily 5 days**
- Lignocaine gel
- Salt baths

NO

- **Refer to a Specialist Sexual Health Service for acute assessment**
- OR arrange **to be seen following day** if acute assessment not possible

Follow-up:

- Check results
- Check resolution
- Offer full sexual health screen if not already done
- Partner notification not necessary
- **If HSV culture negative arrange to repeat culture with further symptoms or refer to Specialist Sexual Health Service if suspicious of alternative diagnosis**