

HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) ANTIBODY REFLEX UPDATE

April 26, 2024

Effective April 30, 2024, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will automatically reflex HCV, RNA, Quantitative NAAT on a positive HCV antibody test result for all HCV antibody order codes. This is in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. In addition, we are updating test names and consolidating codes.

HCV Antibody Reflex to PCR

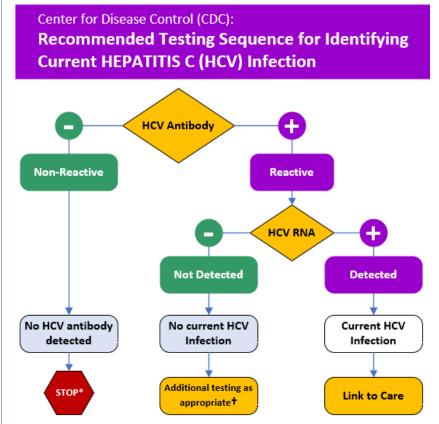
Test Code Changes

NAME UPDATE	From:LAB868HEPATITIS C ANTIBODYTo:LAB868HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY RFLX HCV, RNA, QUANT, NAAT
NAME UPDATE	From:LAB10006 HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY – MEDICARE SPECIAL SCREENINGTo:LAB10006 HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY (MEDICARE SCREENING) RFLX HCV, RNA, QUANT, NAAT
REPLACE	Deactivate:LAB8892HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY WITH REFLEXReplace with:LAB868HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY RFLX HCV, RNA, QUANT, NAAT

→ Please update your electronic medical record (EMR) as soon as possible.

PDL will automatically change LAB8892 requests to LAB868 on the effective date.

CDC Testing Sequence



Testing Sequence Source: *CDC. Testing for HCV infection: An update of guidance for clinicians and laboratorians. MMWR* 2013;62(18)

Footnotes:

* For persons who might have been exposed to HCV within the past 6 months, testing for HCV RNA or follow-up testing for HCV antibody is recommended. For persons who are immunocompromised, testing for HCV RNA can be considered.

⁺ To differentiate past, resolved HCV infection from biologic false positivity for HCV antibody, testing with another HCV antibody assay can be considered. Repeat HCV RNA testing if the person tested is suspected to have had HCV exposure within the past 6 months or has clinical evidence of HCV disease, or if there is concern regarding the handling or storage of the test specimen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

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