

**Reporting Title:** HCV Ab w/Reflex to HCV PCR, S

**Performing Location** Rochester

**Ordering Guidance:**

This test is not intended for testing **asymptomatic** individuals (ie, screening purposes). For testing such patients with or without risk factors for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, order HCSRN / Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody Screen with Reflex to HCV RNA, PCR, Asymptomatic, Serum.

For testing autopsy/cadaver or hemolyzed specimens, order HCCAD / Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Screen for Cadaveric or Hemolyzed Specimens, Asymptomatic, Serum for asymptomatic individuals or HCCDD / Hepatitis C Virus Antibody in Cadaveric or Hemolyzed Specimens, Symptomatic, Serum for symptomatic individuals.

For patients with acute or recent HCV infections (<3 months from time of exposure) or are repeatedly reactive by screening tests and should be confirmed by a more HCV-specific test, order HCVQN / Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) RNA Detection and Quantification by Real-Time Reverse Transcription-PCR (RT-PCR), Serum.

**Shipping Instructions:**

If shipment will be delayed for >24 hours, freeze serum at -70 degrees C until shipment on dry ice.

**Necessary Information:**

**Date of collection is required.**

**Specimen Requirements:**

**Supplies:** Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T465)

**Collection Container/Tube:** Serum gel

**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 2 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Centrifuge blood collection tube per collection tube manufacturer's instructions (eg, centrifuge and aliquot within 2 hours of collection for BD Vacutainer tubes).
2. Aliquot serum into plastic vial.

**Forms:**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Gastroenterology and Hepatology Client Test Request](#) (T728) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum SST	Frozen (preferred)	28 days	
	Refrigerated	5 days	

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC
HCVA4	HCV Ab, S	Alphanumeric		40726-2

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**

No

**CPT Code Information:**

86803

87522 (if appropriate)

**Reflex Tests:**

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
HCVQN	HCV RNA Detect/Quant, S	1	87522	No	Yes

**Result Codes for Reflex Tests:**

Test ID	Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC
HCVQN	97291	HCV RNA Detect/Quant, S	Alphanumeric	IU/mL	11011-4

**Reference Values:**

Negative

See [Viral Hepatitis Serologic Profiles](#)