Overview

Useful For
Stand-alone prenatal screening test for chronic hepatitis B in pregnant women

This test is not offered as a screening or confirmatory test for blood donor specimens.

Reflex Tests

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Testing Algorithm

If hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) prenatal is reactive, then HBsAg confirmation prenatal will be performed at an additional charge.

Special Instructions

- Viral Hepatitis Serologic Profiles

Method Name
Chemiluminescence Immunoassay (CIA)

NY State Available
Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type
Serum SST

Advisory Information

This test is intended for standalone prenatal screening only. For testing non-pregnant patients, order HBAG / Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, Serum.

This test is not intended for testing cadaver or grossly hemolyzed specimens. For testing such patients, order HBGCD / Hepatitis B Surface Antigen for Cadaveric or Hemolyzed Specimens, Serum, which is FDA-approved for testing on these sources.

Additional Testing Requirements

Testing for acute hepatitis B virus infection should also include HBIM / Hepatitis B Core Antibody, IgM, Serum, as during the acute HBV infection "window period", Hepatitis B surface (HBs) antigen and HBs antibody may not be detected.

Necessary Information

1. Date of collection is required.
2. Indicate if specimens are from autopsy/cadaver or hemolyzed sources so that the proper FDA-licensed assay can be performed.

**Specimen Required**

**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. Pour off serum into aliquot tube.

**Forms**

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

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

0.6 mL

**Reject Due To**

| Gross hemolysis | Reject |
| Gross lipemia   | Reject |
| Gross icterus   | Reject |

**Specimen Stability Information**

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**Clinical and Interpretive**

**Clinical Information**

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) is endemic throughout the world. The infection is spread primarily through percutaneous contact with infected blood products (eg, blood transfusion, sharing of needles by intravenous drug addicts). The virus is also found in various human body fluids, and it is known to be spread through oral and genital contacts. HBV can be transmitted from mother to child during delivery through contact with blood and vaginal secretions, but it is not commonly transmitted transplacentally.

Infection of the infant can occur if the mother is a chronic hepatitis B surface antigen carrier or has an acute HBV
infection at the time of delivery. Transmission is rare if an acute infection occurs in either the first or second trimester of pregnancy.

**Reference Values**

Negative

See [Viral Hepatitis Serologic Profiles](#) in Special Instructions.

**Interpretation**

A reactive screen result confirmed as positive by hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) confirmatory test is indicative of acute or chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection or chronic HBV carrier state.

Specimens with initially reactive test results, but negative (not confirmed) by HBsAg confirmatory test results, are likely to contain cross-reactive antibodies from other infectious or immunologic disorders. These unconfirmed HBsAg-reactive screening test results should be interpreted in conjunction with test results of other HBV serologic markers (eg, hepatitis B surface antibody; hepatitis B core antibody, total and IgM). Repeat testing is recommended at a later date if clinically indicated.

Confirmed presence of HBsAg is frequently associated with HBV replication and infectivity, especially when accompanied by the presence of hepatitis Be antigen (HBe) and/or detectable HBV DNA.

**Cautions**

Not useful for diagnosis of hepatitis B during the "window period" of acute hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection (ie, after disappearance of hepatitis B surface antigen [HBsAg] and prior to appearance of hepatitis B surface antibody [anti-HBs]). Testing for acute HBV infection should also include anti-hepatitis B core IgM.

Confirmed positive HBsAg test results should be reported to the State Department of Health, as required by law in some states.

Individuals, especially neonates and children, who recently received hepatitis B vaccination may have transient-positive HBsAg test results because of the large dose of HBsAg used in the vaccine relative to the individual's body mass.

Performance characteristics have not been established for the following specimen characteristics:

- Grossly icteric (total bilirubin level of >20 mg/dL)
- Grossly lipemic (triolein level of >3,000 mg/dL)
- Grossly hemolyzed (hemoglobin level of >500 mg/dL)
- Containing particulate matter
- Cadaveric specimens

**Clinical Reference**


Test Definition: HBAGP
HBs Antigen Prenatal, S

Performance

Method Description

Specimens are first tested by the VITROS hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) assay. Per assay manufacturer's recommendation, all hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-reactive specimens (signal-to-cutoff ratios ≥ 1.00) in prenatal screening should be confirmed by the VITROS HBsAg Confirmatory assay.

Chemiluminescence Immunoassay:

This immunometric technique involves the simultaneous reaction of HBsAg in the sample with mouse monoclonal anti-hepatitis B surface (anti-HBs) antibody coated onto the wells, and a horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-labeled mouse monoclonal anti-HBs antibody in the conjugate. Unbound conjugate is removed by washing. A reagent containing luminogenic substrates (a luminol derivative and a peracid salt) and an electron transfer agent is added to the wells. The HRP in the bound conjugate catalyzes the oxidation of the luminol derivative, producing light. The electron transfer agent increases the level and duration of the light produced. The light signals are read by the VITROS Immunodiagnostic System. The amount of HRP conjugate bound is indicative of the level of HBsAg present in the sample. (Package insert: VITROS HBsAg assay, Pub. No. GEM1201, version 13.0; Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc., Rochester, NY 10/03/2017)

Confirmation:

The VITROS HBsAg Confirmatory kit uses the principle of specific antibody neutralization to confirm the presence of HBsAg. The sample is tested twice: one aliquot is incubated with a neutralizing reagent containing high-titer anti-HBs (the confirmatory antibody); the second aliquot is incubated with a non-neutralizing control reagent (the sample diluent). The confirmatory antibody binds to HBsAg in the sample, inhibiting its reaction in the VITROS HBsAg assay. This leads to a reduced result compared to that for the non-neutralized control sample. (Package insert: VITROS HBsAg Confirmation assay, Pub. No. GEM4201, version 13.0; Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc., Rochester, NY 10/05/2017)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) and Time(s) Test Performed

Monday through Sunday; Varies

Analytic Time

Same day/1 day

Maximum Laboratory Time

2 days

Specimen Retention Time

14 days

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees and Codes
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Fees
- Authorized users can sign in to Test Prices for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact Customer Service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their Regional Manager. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

Test Classification
This test has been cleared or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

CPT Code Information
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87341 (if appropriate)

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