

TEST OBSOLETE NOTIFICATION

NOTIFICATION DATE: February 24, 2011 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Screen with Reflex to Antibody Confirmation, Serum #15055

EXPLANATION: Due to reagent unavailability from the manufacturer, the reflex test in this profile, Hepatitis C Antibody Confirmation by RIBA, will be down until further notice.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST: #60707 Hepatitis C Antibody Screen with Reflex to HCV RNA by PCR, Serum

USEFUL FOR: Detection and diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C virus infection.

NOTE: HCV PCR is NOT useful for confirming cases of past or resolved hepatitis C.

METHODOLOGY: 60707: Chemiluminescence Immunoassay, 83142: Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)

REFERENCE VALUES: Negative

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: Draw blood into a serum-gel tube(s). **Heparinized specimen or plain, red-top tube is not acceptable.** Spin down and send 2.0 mLs of serum frozen in a screw-capped plastic vial.

LIST FEE: \$141.30

The following test(s) may be added per the testing algorithm: \$483.50 for #83142 Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) RNA Detection and Quantification by Real-Time Reverse Transcription-PCR (RT-PCR), Serum

CPT CODES: 86803-Hepatitis C antibody screen

87522-Hepatitis C, quantification (if appropriate)

ANALYTIC TIME: 1 day DAY(S) SET-UP: Monday through Saturday