

TEST DOWN NOTIFICATION

NOTIFICATION DATE: March 13, 2012 EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 16, 2012

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

Test ID: HCVR Secondary ID: 15055

EXPLANATION: Due to reagent unavailability from the manufacturer for the HCV Ab Confirmation (RIBA), this reflex test will become non-orderable effective Friday, March 16.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST: HCPCR 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: HCPCR: Chemiluminescence Immunoassay, HCVQU: Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)

REFERENCE VALUES: Negative

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:

Collection Container/Tube: Serum gel **Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 2 mL

Collection Instructions: Spin down within 6 hours of draw, immediately refrigerate specimen,

and freeze specimen within 12 hours of draw.

LIST FEE: \$148.00

The following test(s) may be added per the testing algorithm: \$513.00 for HCVQU 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

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager Kim J. Baker, Mayo Medical Laboratories' Technologist Support Telephone: 800-533-1710