

LAB ALERT

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Hepatitis C Reflex Testing Now Offered

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Hepatitis C (HCV) Antibody reflex testing is now available through Regional Pathology Services. Based on recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and others, further testing should be performed on patients screened positive for HCV antibody, in order to differentiate between an active infection and a past infection that has resolved. We offer two new reflex tests found below, that address these recommendations. Clients can now order an initial HCV Antibody screen with reflex to Hepatitis C RNA Quantitation (HCABX) if positive or a reflex through the acute hepatitis panel (ACHEPX). Please use the reflex order codes below. Additional test information and specimen requirements can be found at www.reglab.org. Non-reflexed HCV Antibody testing is still available through Regional Pathology Services.

HCABX- Hepatitis C Antibody w/ Reflex to Hepatitis C RNA Quantitation

(CPT Codes: Antibody 86803; RNA Quant 87522)

ACHEPX- Hepatitis Panel, Acute w/ Reflex to Hepatitis C RNA Quantitation

(CPT Codes: Antibodies 80074; RNA Quant 87522)

Interfaced Clients: please contact our Interface specialists at rpsinterfaces@unmc.edu if you would like to build and test these reflex tests in your EMR.

If you have any questions about these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.

24/7 Client Services 1-800-334-0459