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Hepatitis C Antibody Detection by Serology

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes: Hepatitis C is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. • Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serum (prefer serum collected in serum separator tube and centrifuged) • When possible, clear, nonhemolyzed specimens should be used. • Specimens containing precipitate may give inconsistent results.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use SST with gel separator when possible, otherwise • Remove serum from the clot or red cells as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. • Store specimens at 2 to 8 °C until ready for shipping. Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. Ship specimens on frozen cold packs or at ambient temperature.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results are generally available within 2-5 business days of specimen receipt
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specimens received without a requisition form, clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled, unlabeled, or leaking containers. Specimens transported at incorrect temperature. • Heat-inactivated specimens.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis C IgG Detected Or Not Detected • Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86703 (Serology)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteriology at 207-287-1704 • Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722 • Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769 • Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706