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NEW TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
NOTIFICATION DATE: January 5, 2011
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2011

HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY SCREEN WITH REFLEX TO HCV RNA BY PCR, SERUM #60707

USEFUL FOR: Detection and diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C virus infection. This test will begin with a hepatitis C antibody screen. If this screen is reactive, then HCV RNA by RT-PCR will be performed at an additional charge.

NOTE: This new unit code (#60707) will replace #15060 Hepatitis C Antibody Screen with Reflex to HCV RNA by PCR, Serum, which will become obsolete on February 7, 2011.

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

Reference Values: Hepatitis C Antibody Screen: Negative
Hepatitis C PCR: Undetected

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: Draw blood into a serum gel tube (SST) (Heparinized specimen or plain, red-top tube is not acceptable), spin down within 6 hours of the draw and send 2.0 mLs of serum frozen in a screw capped plastic vial.

CAUTIONS: This test profile is not useful for detection or diagnosis of acute hepatitis C virus (HCV), since HCV antibodies may not be detectable until after 2 months following exposure and HCV RNA testing is not performed on specimens with negative anti-HCV screening test results.

LIST FEE: $141.30

The following test(s) may be added per the testing algorithm:
$499.00 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 Sunday

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager
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