

## **TEST OBSOLETE NOTIFICATION**

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

## Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Confirmation by Recombinant Immunoblot Assay (RIBA), Serum #80181

**EXPLANATION:** Due to reagent unavailability from the manufacturer, this Unit Code will obsolete until further notice.

**RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST:** #83142 Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) RNA Detection and Quantification by Real-Time Reverse Transcription-PCR (RT-PCR), Serum

## **USEFUL FOR:**

- Diagnosis of acute hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection before the appearance of anti-HCV antibodies in serum;
- Confirmatory testing for chronic HCV infection in anti-HCV antibody-positive patients;
- Detection of serum HCV RNA to distinguish between chronic HCV infection and resolved HCV infection among anti-HCV antibody-positive patients.
- NOT useful for confirming cases of past or resolved hepatitis C.

**METHODOLOGY**: Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)

**REFERENCE VALUES:** Undetected

**SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS**: Draw blood in to Serum gel tube(s) - **Heparinized specimen or plain, red-top tube is not acceptable.** Spin down within 6 hours of draw and send 2.2 mLs of serum frozen in a screw-capped plastic vial.

**LIST FEE:** \$499.00

**CPT CODE**: 87522

ANALYTIC TIME: 1 day

DAY(S) SET-UP: Monday through Saturday