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TEST DOWN
MML JACKSONVILLE
NOTIFICATION DATE: March 13, 2012
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 16, 2012

HEPATITIS C VIRUS ANTIBODY (ANTI-HCV) SCREEN WITH REFLEX TO ANTIBODY CONFIRMATION, SERUM #800250

EXPLANATION: Due to reagent unavailability from the manufacturer, the reflex test in this profile, Hepatitis C Antibody Confirmation by RIBA, will be down effective March 16, 2012 and until further notice.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST: #800294 Hepatitis C Antibody Screen with Reflex to HCV RNA by PCR, Serum. This profile will begin with a hepatitis C antibody screen, and if the result is "Reactive", testing will reflex to HCV RNA PCR for confirmation. Hepatitis C RNA PCR is useful to confirm "Reactive" HCV antibody screening test results in cases of chronic or acute hepatitis C. However, it is NOT useful to confirm cases of past or resolved hepatitis C.

USEFUL FOR: Detection and diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C virus infection.

METHODOLOGY: 800294: Chemiluminescence Immunoassay, 800226: 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: $148.80
The following test(s) may be added per the testing algorithm: $513.00 for #800226 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
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