

TEST DOWN NOTIFICATION

NOTIFICATION DATE: March 13, 2012 EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 16, 2012

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

Test ID: RIBA Secondary ID: 80181

EXPLANATION: Due to reagent unavailability from the manufacturer, this Unit Code will become non-orderable effective Friday, March 16.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE TEST: HCVQU 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:

Collection Container/Tube: Serum gel **Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 2.2 mL

Collection Instructions: Spin down within 6 hours of draw, immediately refrigerate specimen,

and freeze specimen within 12 hours of draw

LIST FEE: \$513.00

CPT CODE: 87522

ANALYTIC TIME: 1 day DAY(S) SET-UP: Monday through Saturday

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or Kim J. Baker, MML Laboratory Technologist Resource Coordinator Telephone: 800-533-1710