

Test Name:	Hepatitis C Virus Encoded Antigen
Test Methodology:	Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay for the Detection of Antibody to Hepatitis C Virus
Test to be Performed:	Hepatitis C Antibody
CPT:	86803
Reflex Testing Criteria:	Repeatedly reactive samples are reflexed to Hepatitis C Viral Load testing.
Pre-Approval Required:	N/A
Accepted Specimens:	Serum (serum tube or SST) Plasma (EDTA, ACD)
Specimen Stability:	Specimens may be stored for up to 10 days from the time of draw at 2-8°C following centrifugation, or up to 4 weeks at -20°C. Samples should not be used if they have more than 5 freeze-thaw cycles.
Storage/Transport Conditions:	Specimens should be stored and transported at 2-8°C. Sufficient frozen cold packs in an insulated cooler can be used to maintain this temperature. Specimens may be transported at room temperature (15-25°C) if delivered to the lab within 7 days from collection time.
Turnaround Time:	10 business days
Reference Range:	Non-reactive
Comments:	For acute HCV infection, it usually takes 8-11 weeks before antibodies are detectable.