

**Reporting Title:** HCV Ab w/Reflex to HCV PCR, S  
**Performing Location:** Rochester

**Ordering Guidance:**  
This test is **not intended** for testing **asymptomatic** individuals (ie, screening purposes). For testing such patients with or without risk factors for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, order HCSRN / Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody Screen with Reflex to HCV RNA, PCR, Asymptomatic, Serum.

For testing autopsy/cadaver or hemolyzed specimens, order HCCAD / Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Screen for Cadaveric or Hemolyzed Specimens, Asymptomatic, Serum for asymptomatic individuals or HCCDD / Hepatitis C Virus Antibody in Cadaveric or Hemolyzed Specimens, Symptomatic, Serum for symptomatic individuals.

For patients with acute or recent HCV infections (<3 months from time of exposure) or who are repeatedly reactive by screening tests and should be confirmed by a more HCV-specific test, order HCVQN / Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) RNA Detection and Quantification by Real-Time Reverse Transcription-PCR (RT-PCR), Serum.

**Shipping Instructions:**  
If shipment will be delayed for more than 24 hours, freeze serum at -70 degrees C until shipment and transport on dry ice.

**Necessary Information:**  
Date of collection is required.

**Specimen Requirements:**  
**Patient Preparation:** For 24 hours before specimen collection, patient should **not** take multivitamins or dietary supplements (eg, hair, skin, and nail supplements) containing biotin (vitamin B7).  
**Supplies:** Sarstedt Aliquot Tube, 5 mL (T914)  
**Collection Container/Tube:** Serum gel  
**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial  
**Specimen Volume:** 1.3 mL  
**Collection Instructions:**  
1. Centrifuge blood collection tube per manufacturer's instructions (eg, centrifuge and aliquot within 2 hours of collection for BD Vacutainer tubes).  
2. Aliquot serum into plastic vial.

**Forms:**  
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following:  
[-Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request](#) (T728)  
[-Infectious Disease Serology Test Request](#) (T916)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum SST	Frozen (preferred)	84 days	
	Refrigerated	6 days	

# Test Definition: HCVDX

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody with Reflex to  
HCV RNA, PCR, Symptomatic, Serum

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
HCVA4	HCV Ab, S	Alphanumeric		40726-2

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

86803  
87522 (if appropriate)

Reflex Tests:

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
HCVQN	HCV RNA Detect/Quant, S	1	87522	No	Yes

Result Codes for Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
HCVQN	97291	HCV RNA Detect/Quant, S	Alphanumeric	IU/mL	11011-4

Reference Values:

Negative  
For more information see [Viral Hepatitis Serologic Profiles](#)