

Reporting Title: HCV RNA Detect/Quant, S**Performing Location:** Rochester**Ordering Guidance:**

For detection and quantification of hepatitis C viral RNA in serum before, during, and after antiviral therapy for chronic hepatitis C.

Shipping Instructions:

1. Freeze serum immediately, and ship specimen frozen on dry ice only.
2. If shipment will be delayed for more than 24 hours, freeze serum at -20 to -80 degrees C (up to 84 days) until shipment on dry ice.

Specimen Requirements:

Supplies: Sarstedt 5 mL Aliquot Tube (T914)

Collection Container/Tube: Serum gel

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial

Specimen Volume: 1.5 mL

Collection Instructions:

1. Centrifuge blood collection tube per collection tube manufacturer's instructions (eg, centrifuge and aliquot within 2 hours of collection for BD Vacutainer tubes).
2. Aliquot serum into plastic vial.

Specimen Minimum Volume:

0.8 mL

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

-Gastroenterology and Hepatology Test Request (T728)

-Microbiology Test Request (T732)

-General Test Request (T239)

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

Result Codes:

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

LOINC and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

87522

Reference Values:

Undetected