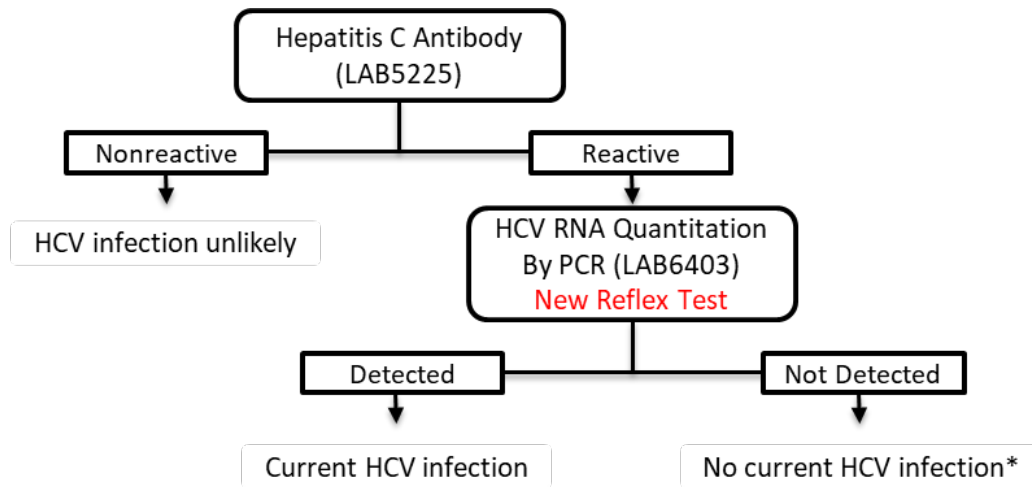


New Hepatitis C Virus Reflex Testing Algorithm

Effective Date: March 1, 2022

The incidence rate of new hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections are on the rise in the United States. To aid in HCV diagnosis and treatment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all reactive HCV antibody tests be reflexed to a confirmatory test, such as a nucleic acid test for the detection of HCV RNA. This automatic reflex streamlines the process for identifying new HCV infections and can play a significant role in reducing the rate of new viral hepatitis infections. Effective March 1, 2022, all equivocal and reactive Hepatitis C Virus Antibody (LAB5225) samples will be reflexed to HCV RNA quantitation by PCR (LAB6403) testing for confirmation.



*To differentiate past, resolved HCV infection from a biological false positive HCV antibody result, consider testing with another HCV antibody assay. Repeat HCV RNA testing if the person tested is suspected to have had HCV exposure within the past 6 months or has clinical evidence of HCV disease

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