



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

☐ **NEW TEST** ☒ **TEST CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: 12/08/2021

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/08/2021

Hepatitis C RNA Quantitative Assay Update (HEPCRNA)

On the effective date Northwell Health Laboratories will perform the Hepatitis C RNA Quantitative Assay (HEPCRNA) on the Abbott Alinity m System improving turnaround time.

Test Requirement/Parameters	New	Previous
Instrument	Abbott Alinity m System	Abbott <i>m2000</i> System
Methodology	RT-PCR	RT-PCR
Specimen Collection Container	Lavender-top (EDTA, ACD), Gold top tube, Plasma Preparation Tube, Serum Separator Tube, Serum Rapid-clot Tube	Lavender-top (EDTA), Gold top tube, or PPT
Specimen Requirements	Serum or Plasma	Serum or Plasma
Specimen Volume/Minimum Volume	2.5 mL/0.75 mL (Note: Minimum volume does not allow for repeat testing)	5.0 mL/1.0 mL
Specimen Stability	15-30 °C, 4 hours 2-8°C, 3 days -20°C, 60 days	3 days refrigerated 7 days frozen
Days performed	Monday - Saturday	Tuesday - Saturday
Computer Interface Code	PDM #6350030	PDM #6350030
Test Order	HEPCRNA	HEPCRNA

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (516) 719-1100.