SERVICE UPDATE

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CAMPUS AFFECTED:			
AFFECTS PATIENT CARE			
TEST NAME: Hepatitis C Antibody reflex testing			**DATE OF CHANGE: 05/25/2017**
REPLACING: New			
SPECIMEN TYPE:	Gold or red top tube - Serum		
ORDERING CODES:	**EPIC:**		NEW:
	SQ:	HCVRQB	NEW:
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:	Reactive Hepatitis C antibodies should be confirmed with nucleic acid testing. In order to prevent a patient re-draw, all reactive Hepatitis C antibody tests will automatically reflex to a nucleic acid confirmation testing		

If the Hepatitis C Ab screening test is reactive, it will reflex to order the Hepatitis C Virus by Quantitative PCR.

Testing will be sent to ARUP laboratories.

An interpretation of "Not Detected" for the Hepatitis C nucleic acid test does not rule out the presence of PCR inhibitors in the patient specimen or hepatitis C virus RNA concentrations below the level of detection of the test. Care should be taken when interpreting any single viral load determination.

For further Information Refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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