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Test Update HCV PCR Testing

Effective July 7, 2009, the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory will begin using the Roche Ampliprep and Taqman 96 for HCV viral load testing. This real-time PCR platform offers a quantitative range of 43 IU/mL to 69,000,000 IU/mL.

New Test Code:	HCVPCR
Methodology:	Roche Ampliprep/Taqman 96
Performed:	Tuesday and Friday
Reported:	Next day or next run
Specimen type:	One 6 mL pink top EDTA completely filled. Each test requires one full 6 mL tube for testing. Serum is not acceptable and will be rejected.
Rejection:	Sample not properly identified; incorrect blood collection tube; insufficient volume; heparinized sample; improperly stored sample.
Stability;	Refrigerated: 6 hours
Quantitative	<43 IU/mL.....negative
Ranges:	43-69,000,000 IU/mL....quantitatively positive
	>69,000,000 IU/mL.....positive, above linear quantitative range
CPT:	87522

If you have questions or special concerns, please contact the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory, Molecular Diagnostics at 720-848-6892 or visit our website at <http://clinlab.uch.edu> for additional information.

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