



To: All Regional Medical Laboratory Clients
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Subject: Discontinuation of HCV Immunoblot RIBA
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HCV IMMUNO [5501400] HCV IMMUNOBLOT RIBA

Effective immediately, the HCV Immunoblot RIBA assay is no longer available at the performing reference laboratory due to vendor reagent unavailability for an undetermined period of time.

The suggested alternative test is:

HCV QT PCR [5593950] HCV QUANTITATIVE RNA BY PCR

specimen:

6mL EDTA Plasma - Separated into Two 3mL EDTA Plasma Frozen Aliquots.
Centrifuge and Separate Plasma and Freeze within 2hrs of collection.

Linear range: 43 - 69,000,000 IU/mL [1.63 - 7.84 Log IU/mL]

For any questions regarding suggested alternate testing can be directed to
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