

Subject: Hepatitis B Quant by PCR

Effective Date: 1/22/2008

Explanation of Change: Specimens ordered for Hepatitis B Quantitation by PCR will now be sent to University of Washington. The methodology used at UW has a higher upper linearity. This test was previously sent to Mayo Medical Labs and performed by branched chain DNA with upper linearity of 17,857,143 IU/mL. UW methodology is by RT-PCR with upper linearity of 1,000,000,000 IU/mL.

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<i>Test ID Test Name HBVQP - HBV PCR Quant</i>	
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Alternate Test Names:	Hepatitis B Virus by PCR Quant, HBV DNA Quant, Viral load-Hepatitis B
Container Type:	SST (also acceptable LAV[EDTA], RED, PPT)
Additional Information:	Centrifuge tube within 24 hours of collection & aliquot serum/plasma and Freeze @ -20°C.
Testing Frequency:	Tuesday, Thursday
Routine turn around time:	2-5 days
Stat turn around time:	Not available