

9/28/2015 - Special Communication, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

TEST CHANGES				
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DISCONTINUED TESTS			
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At Quest Diagnostics, we continually strive to offer the most valuable diagnostic insights to help you provide the best possible care for your patients. We will be changing our hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening offerings to align with the current screening guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

Effective November 9, 2015, Quest Diagnostics will no longer offer stand-alone HCV antibody screening; our prior HCV antibody-only screen, test code 8472, will now reflex (if the antibody screen is reactive) to a RNA detection by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay. Accordingly, we will be discontinuing test code 91438 to eliminate redundancy on our test menu and avoid potential problems with electronic medical record (EMR) systems.

Please note that as part of our implementation plan we will:

- | Add HCV RNA PCR reflex testing (performed when indicated) to test code 8472
- | Discontinue test code 91438 to eliminate test code redundancy; any orders received for 91438 or 7492 after November 9 will be automatically redirected to 8472
- | Automatically replace test code 91438 or 7492 with 8472 (newly reflexed) in all custom panels. (Clinicians using some EMR systems may need to update order and/or result codes manually to ensure that there are no disruptions in ordering and/or results reporting. We recommend that you check your custom panels on/after November 9 to ensure that this change is made effectively.)
- | **Deactivate any custom panels previously containing both 2446 and test code 35645, Hepatitis C Viral RNA, Quantitative RT-PCR, to prevent unnecessary duplication of reflex testing.** Please contact your Quest Diagnostics Sales Representative or call 1-866-MY-QUEST (1-866-697-8378) to create a new custom panel, which will require a Physician Authorization Form (PAF). We recommend that you do so as soon as possible to ensure that there is no disruption to your service on November 9.

For more information regarding our HCV screening offering or custom panels, please contact your Sales Representative or call us at 1-866-MY-QUEST.

Test Changes

The following test changes will be effective on the dates indicated below. **Please note information that is changing appears in bold text in this update.** Former test names and test codes have been italicized.

Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR	
Effective Date	11/9/2015
Former Test Name	<i>Hepatitis C Antibody</i>
Former Test Code	<i>2446</i>
Test Code	8472
Specimen Requirements	4 mL (3 mL minimum) serum
Reject Criteria	Moderate hemolysis; gross lipemia

Specimen Stability	Room temperature	72 hours
	Refrigerated	14 days
	Frozen	30 days
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia	
Interface Mapping	Result Code	Result Name
	55071600	Hepatitis C Antibody
	55071705	Signal to Cut-off
	<i>This is a true reflex. Please build the unit code below separately. Non-orderable Reflex: RRE - HCV RNA, Quantitative Real Time PCR</i>	
	Result Code	Result Name
	55194255	HCV RNA, Quantitative Real Time PCR
	55194250	HCV RNA, Quantitative Real Time PCR
Additional Information	<p>If Hepatitis C Antibody is Reactive then Hepatitis C Viral RNA, Quantitative, Real-time PCR will be performed at an additional charge (CPT codes(s): 87522).</p> <p>Please note: Custom panels containing both test codes, 2446- Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR and 35645- HCV RNA, Quantitative Real Time PCR will be discontinued.</p>	
Tests Affected	Test Codes:	Name:
	P43287J	Custom Duncan Needlestick Hepatitis C Abs- Employee
	P43287K	Custom Duncan Needlestick Hepatitis C Abs- Source
	P47719D	Custom Newton Hepatitis C Virus IgG Abs
	2464	Hepatitis A, B and C Virus Evaluation
	7758	Hepatitis A, B and C Virus Post Exposure Panel
	7757	Hepatitis Acute Profile

Discontinued Tests

Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR	
Effective Date	11/9/2015
Test Code	91438
Additional Information	Please note: Orders for 91438- Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR or 7492- Hepatitis C Antibody w/Reflex to RNA Detectr will automatically be replaced with test code 8472- Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR.
Tests Affected	Test Codes:
	7492
	Name: Hepatitis C Antibody w/Reflex to RNA Detectr