

New Test Announcement



Hepatitis B Core Total (HBcT)

Effective 5/18/2018, St. Luke's Laboratory will provide "in house" testing for HBcT. St. Luke's laboratory is committed to a Lean, automated system, providing state of the art instrumentation and test methodologies. Testing was previously performed as a "send out" test. Turnaround times will be enhanced.

This assay can be used as an aid in the diagnosis of individuals with acute or chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and in the determination of the clinical status of HBV infected individuals in conjunction with other HBV serological markers for the laboratory diagnosis of HBV disease associated with HBV infection. This assay can also be an aid in the diagnosis of recent HBV infection during the "window period" when both hepatitis B surface antigen and antibodies to hepatitis B surface antigen are negative

If the hepatitis B core total antibody is positive, then hepatitis B core antibody IgM will be performed at an additional charge.

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