

New Test Announcement



Hepatitis C Virus Antibody Screening Test

Effective 10/31/16, St. Luke's Laboratory will offer the option for providers to order Hepatitis **C Antibody Screen Adult with Reflex (HCV AB Scrn)**

This hepatitis C antibody test uses the same methodology and follows the same confirmatory algorithm as the Hepatitis C antibody test currently performed at St. Luke's Laboratory (Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to PCR) . This new testing has been added as a means to differentiate screening from diagnostic testing for symptomatic patients.

In order to more easily comply with National Coverage Determination Guidance, this screening test should be used **only** for asymptomatic patients born between 1945 and 1965, those with history of injection drug use, or history of receiving blood transfusions prior to 1992. Please refer to NCD 210.13 for further guidance.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Kristin Baer, M.D. Immunology Medical Director (218)249-5751 Amber LaMourea, MT (ASCP), Immunology Technical Specialist (218) 249-5024 Jennifer Viergutz, Laboratory Operations Manager (218) 249-5724, or Kelly Syria, Laboratory Billing Coordinator (218)249-2578