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SUBJECT: Hepatitis A Virus IgG testing

Effective 07/07/2013 the Immunology Laboratory will switch to the Abbott Architect Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) IgG test from the current HAV total antibody test which detects HAV specific antibody irrespective of isotype. The Abbott Architect HAV-IgG test is a chemiluminescent microparticle immunoassay used for determination of immune status in patients with previous HAV infection or HAV vaccination. Results are reported as "Reactive" or "Non-Reactive". A reactive result suggests immunity to HAV infection. The HAV-IgM assay for diagnosis of acute HAV infection has not changed and is still available.

HAV-IgG testing can be ordered in A2K by searching for "Hepatitis A IgG", test code 8298.

Please contact the Immunology Laboratory at 966-4058 or Dr. Schmitz at 966-8453 with any questions.