



**MEMORANDUM #176**

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SUBJECT: Changes in Reflex Policy for Hepatitis C Laboratory Testing

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Beginning immediately, a reflex test for Hepatitis C Genotype (LAB915) will automatically be added when the reflexed HCV RNA quantitative viral load is reported as Detected >500 IU/ml. Currently, when a result for Hepatitis C antibody is reported as reactive or equivocal, samples are automatically reflexed to HCV RNA quantitative viral load testing (LAB887) for determination of HCV infection status.

Please note a Hepatitis C antibody order (LAB868) will now require 2 blood tubes to be drawn to accommodate the possible reflex testing. The collection tube is still the serum separator, gold top tube. This reflex policy is restricted to patients within the UNC Medical Center.

Questions can be addressed to the UNCH Molecular Microbiology Laboratory at 984-974-1820 or Immunology Laboratory at 984-974-1815.