Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory TEST MENU

Hepatitis C Quantitation, NAAT

Method	Real-time Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA)
CPT Code	87522 Infectious Agent Antigen Detection
Smaniman	Course EDTA Blooms or ACD Blooms
Specimen	Seum, EDTA Plasma or ACD Plasma
Collect in	Serum Separator Tube (SST), EDTA or ACD tube
Labeling	Label transport tube with patient's first and last name or coded identification number. Record date and time collected on the tube.
Processing	Tubes can be sent uncentrifuged but must be centrifuged within 6 hours. Separate serum or plasma from cells and freeze if not tested immediately.
Transport	Transport in original collection tube to the lab within 6 hours.
Sample Rejection	Samples less than 1200 uL will be rejected.
Requisition	SNPHL Request Forms Testing is performed only at the request of SNHD
Turn Around Time	48-72 hours following receipt in our laboratory
Results	Not Detected <10,000 to >10,000,000 copies/mL
Reported	System generated fax; Electronic transmission
Note	Through rare, mutations within the highly conserved regions of the viral genome covered by the primers and probes in the HCV Dx Quant assay may result in under quantification of or failure to detect the virus.
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