



## **Test Update 831**

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**Test Name** [Hepatitis C Virus RNA by PCR, Quantitative](#)

**Update Type** [Specimen collection or handling and/or storage changed](#)

### **SPECIMEN VOLUME REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Hepatitis C Virus RNA by PCR, Quantitative**

Order Code: QHCV

Fee Code: 32364

Please note that MLabs Microbiology Laboratory moved Hepatitis C Virus RNA by PCR testing to the Alinity platform effective September 12, 2022, resulting in an increase in the minimum specimen volume required from 0.5 mL to 1 mL.

Collection Instructions: Collect specimen in a red top, or SST or lavender tube. Centrifuge for 20 minutes at 800-1600 xg at room temperature, aliquot 2 mL (minimum 1 mL) of EDTA plasma or serum into a polypropylene plastic vial. Refrigeration is preferred. If storing at room temperature, centrifuge within 4 hours of collection. Refrigerate up to 3 days or freeze for longer storage. Do not allow frozen specimens to thaw at any time during storage or transport. Specimens submitted in polystyrene tubes are not acceptable. Specimens sent for Microbiology molecular testing require a dedicated sample and cannot be shared with other laboratories.

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