

Medical Center of Louisiana
LSUHSC Health Care Services Division
Hepatitis C Virus PCR order form

Diagnosis	Date	Time
Physician Code	Beeper	Service

Approved by Hepatology or ID Staff _____ Patient Information
(Signature required)

Instructions to physician:

- To order this test you must first have documented a positive Hepatitis C serology. This was documented on _____ (date).
- These tests are for specialty clinics only: Hepatology Clinic and HOP (Coinfection, HEPC) Clinic. Request for patients outside of these two clinics must be ordered and signed by Hepatology or ID staff (sign above).
- Prior to initiation of therapy, order a baseline PCR quantitative.
- Following therapy, if patient HCV viral load is less than 600 IU/ml, order a PCR qualitative HCV.
- What antiretroviral drugs have been prescribed?
 - Alpha Interferon
 - Combination therapy (Alpha Interferon and Ribovirin)
 - other _____
 - None

Tests requested (check box)

- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA by PCR quantitative (HCVQNB)
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA by PCR qualitative (HCVQL)
(Requires one tube)
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotype (HCVGN) (Only order this once— it never changes!)
(Requires one tube)

Instructions for Core laboratory processing personnel for after hours.

- **The specimen is in a pearl-topped tube (PPT tube).**
- **Use the Beckman (swing arm) centrifuge in the Chemistry section.**
- **Spin for twenty minutes at 2200 rpm.**
- **The specimen must be spun immediately—there is 4 hr limit from collection.**
- **Note any exceptions to the time requirements but process the tube anyway**
- **Refrigerate the sample after spinning and save the paperwork for pickup in the morning.**

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