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RE: **Reflex testing for HCV**

Effective immediately, samples with reactive HCV antibody tests will be sent by reflex for hepatitis C viral (HCV) RNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). This reflex protocol is recommended for initial HCV testing by the AASLD (American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases) guidelines\*. Please contact the Women and Infants (401-274-1122 ext 41293) or Kent (401-737-7000 ext 31384) Hospital Chemistry Laboratory if you have any questions.

\*<https://www.hcvguidelines.org/evaluate/testing-and-linkage>