

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) confirmation

This test consists of HBsAg, anti-HBcore and anti-HBs and may also include tests for Hepatitis B e antigen, Hepatitis B e antibody and Hepatitis B core IgM

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): 6mL clotted blood tube

Specimen type: Venous Blood

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Specimen transport: Ambient temperature via porter, courier, Royal Mail or DX compliant with IATA packing instruction 650

Minimum volume of sample: 2 mL

Special precautions: If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable

Laboratory information

Turnaround time: 3 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: Haemolysis

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