

## Hepatitis C antibody (HCV) screen and confirmation

### General information

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

**Specimen type:** Venous Blood

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

**Minimum volume of sample:** 2 mL Venous Blood

**Special precautions:** All samples are suitable for overnight refrigeration only, they must not be stored over a weekend

### Laboratory information

**Measurement units:** Not applicable

**Turnaround time:** Routine 3-4 working days. Please contact the laboratory if urgent for 4 hour turnaround (screen only)

### Clinical information

**Clinical decision points:** Not applicable

**Factors known to significantly affect the results:** Haemolysis

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