

New Test Implementation

Effective Wednesday, August 15, 2023, ACL Laboratories will offer a new orderable code for hepatitis C genotyping requests:

- LAB11785- Hepatitis C RNA Quantitative with Reflex Hepatitis C Genotype (HCVGTX)

Hepatitis C viral load screening will be performed by the ACL Illinois Central Laboratory Cytology department. If viral load is greater than 4000 IU/mL, specimen will be forwarded to ACL's primary reference laboratory partner (ARUP Laboratories) for Hepatitis C Virus Genotype by Sequencing (Test Order Code LAB11782). Because testing may be performed at two separate laboratory locations, a second hold tube for HCV Genotype must be collected for the reflex test.

Please note that Hepatitis C Virus Genotype by Sequencing **cannot** be ordered as a standalone test. The assay is laboratory orderable only, based on the results of the viral load screening.

Collection Requirements: Two 6.0 mL (minimum 3.0 mL) in a pink EDTA, gold gel, or lavender EDTA tubes.

Shipping/Handling Instructions: 2.0 mL (min: 1.0 mL) plasma or serum. Frozen. Plasma or serum must be removed from cells within 6 hours of collection. Separate samples must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.

Current orderable code for Hepatitis C Genotype (LAB8823) will be deactivated with this update.

For questions regarding hepatitis C RNA quantitation, please contact the Illinois Central Laboratory (ICL) Cytology Department at 847-349-7434. Please refer questions regarding hepatitis C genotyping to ICL Referral Testing Department at 847-349-7382.

Important Announcement Regarding SwabOne Vaginitis Panel by NAA

Effective Wednesday, August 15, 2023, after 5PM, the SwabOne Vaginitis Panel by NAA (Test Order Code LAB9961) contents are changing. Mycoplasma Genitalium is being removed from the Vaginitis Panel. SwabOne Mycoplasma Genitalium by NAA (Test Order Code LAB9960) may still be ordered but will no longer be a part of the Vaginitis Panel.

Test Order Code	Test Name	Test Components	Number of Test Results
LAB9961	SwabOne Vaginitis Panel by NAA	Bacterial Vaginosis, Candida species, Candida glabrata, and Trichomonas vaginalis	4 Test Results
LAB9957	SwabOne Bacterial Vaginosis by NAA	Bacterial Vaginosis Panel (Lactobacillus species, Gardnerella vaginalis, Atopobium vaginae)	1 Test Result
LAB9958	SwabOne Candida/Trichomonas Panel by NAA	Candida Species (C. Spp), Candida glabrata, and Trichomonas vaginalis	3 Test Results
LAB9960	SwabOne Mycoplasma Genitalium by NAA	Mycoplasma Genitalium	1 Test Result

For additional information regarding these tests, as well as specimen collection requirements, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at [ACL LABORATORIES.COM/TEST-CATALOG/](https://acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/).

Test Cancel Notification - Outpatient

Effective September 5th, 2023, ACL will change the laboratory test cancellation notification process. This change may impact outpatient test cancellation notifications, depending on existing site workflows.

When a test cancellation is performed, the provider is automatically sent a notification through Epic as an in-basket message, faxed report, or interface message.

- If a specimen was collected by an office and cancelled due to a **non-ACL** error, a phone call **will not** be made to confirm receipt of the automatic cancellation notice or to inform the ordering provider of the cancellation.

Common examples of non-ACL errors that result in test cancellations include:

- Specimens not collected by the laboratory
 - o Hemolysis
 - o Incorrect tube used
 - o Quantify not sufficient (QNS)
 - o Received specimen unspun
- If the cancellation is due to an **ACL** error, providers **will** receive a phone notification outlining the reason for the cancellation in addition to the notification from Epic.

Common examples of **ACL** errors that result in test cancellations include:

- Specimens collected by the laboratory
 - o Hemolysis
 - o Incorrect tube used
 - o Quantity not sufficient (QNS)
 - o Received specimen unspun
- Spilled/broken in laboratory
- Contaminated during testing

For additional information regarding this announcement, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016.