

SPECIMEN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
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Hologic Panther HCV Quant Dx Test Specifications

Test Name: HCV Panther Quant Dx (Qualitative/Quantitative)				
Clinical Significance	Specimen Requirements	Transport/Storage Temperature	Test Approved For	Turn Around Time (After Receipt at HDRL)
<p>In vitro nucleic acid amplification test for qualitative detection and quantification of RNA from patients infected with HCV (Subtypes 1-6).</p> <p>To aid in the diagnosis of active HCV infection in individuals with antibody evidence of HCV infection with liver disease; individuals suspected to be actively infected with HCV; and individuals with antibodies to HCV and at high risk for HCV infection.</p> <p>As an aid in clinical monitoring of viral burden and effectiveness of antiretroviral therapy.</p> <p>Test employed: FDA-approved, commercially available test kit from Hologic: Panther HCV Quant Dx Assay.</p> <p>Analytical measurement range: 10 to 100,000,000 International Units per mL (IU/mL)</p> <p>Reference Range</p> <p>HCV Quantitative – Not Detected Copies/mL Not Detected Log copies/mL</p> <p>HCV Qualitative – Not Detected</p>	<p>Quantitative Testing: •3mLs of Plasma</p> <p>Qualitative Testing: •3 mL of Serum or Plasma</p> <p>PPT Tubes: Centrifuge immediately or within 2 hours of collection at 1100 x g for 10 minutes minimum.</p> <p>EDTA Plasma: Store blood at 25°C until centrifuged. Centrifuge at ≤1300 x g for 10 minutes within 4 hours of blood collection.</p> <p>Serum Tubes: Allow blood to clot in upright position for 30-60 minutes before centrifugation. If transferring to secondary tube, indicate “serum” on plastic screw-cap tube for transport.</p>	<p>EDTA / PPT or Serum: Store serum or plasma refrigerated (2-8°C) for overnight or same day delivery.</p> <p>Ship frozen if transport will take longer than same day or overnight. Store plasma frozen (-70°C or colder).</p> <p>When shipping frozen, use 2+ lbs. dry ice per day of transport.</p> <p>Ship with an additional 6 lbs of. dry ice in case of shipment delay.</p>	FDA approved for patient management.	5 business days

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