



HEPATITIS A VIRUS (HAV) ANTIBODY

Synonym(s): Anti-HAV IgM, HAV IgM Ab, Anti-HAV IgG, HAV IgG Ab

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| Lab Section Category | Virology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx). |
| Description | Hepatitis A IgM Antibody (anti-HAV IgM) Hepatitis A IgG Antibody (anti-HAV IgG) |
| Specimen Required | 3 – 5 mL plain blood. (a) To diagnose acute infection, send one sample for anti- HAV IgM . (b) To diagnose previous infection and immunity, send one sample for anti-HAV IgG . |
| Storage and Transport | Refrigerate samples if delay in transporting to laboratory is anticipated. Do not freeze. |
| Method | Chemiluminescent Microparticle Immunoassay (for both anti-HAV IgG and anti-HAV IgM) |
| Test Result | Acute infection: IgM positive Past infection: IgG positive, IgM negative |
| Turnaround Time | Anti-HAV IgM: <1 - 3 days Anti-HAV IgG: <1 - 3 days |
| Day(s) Test Set up | Anti-HAV IgM: Monday – Friday Anti-HAV IgG: Monday – Friday |

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