



Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,
The information contained here may be very important to your practice. Please take a moment to review this document.

Hepatitis C Testing Algorithm May 2022

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BioFire GI/Enteric Panel With *C. difficile* Reflex to EIA, *Inpatients Only (Hospitals Only)* May 16, 2022

Beginning May 16, Alverno Laboratories will offer a new testing algorithm for hospital inpatients only with signs and/or symptoms of gastrointestinal infection. If *Clostridium difficile* toxin A/B is detected on the BioFire® FilmArray® Gastrointestinal Panel, the sample will reflex to the *C. diff* GDH Antigen/Toxin A/B by enzyme immunoassay.

Ordering Information

Alverno Order Code	Test Name	Guidance
IBFGI	GI/Enteric Molecular Panel, Comprehensive, Inpatient	Rapid detection of infectious agent in inpatients with signs and/or symptoms of gastrointestinal infection, with detected <i>C. difficile</i> reflexing to GDH Antigen/Toxin A/B by EIA

Test Summary



UTILIZATION GUIDES

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Initial Diagnosis / Hepatitis Screening

Hepatitis C Antibody (a reflex to confirmation by PCR will always be performed)

Hepatitis Screening Assays:

- Hep C Antibody, IgG Screen
- Hepatitis Panel, Acute
- Hepatitis Immunosuppressive Screen
- Employee Exposure/Needlestick Panels
- Needlestick Source Panel

****Do not order a screening assay with a viral quantitation by PCR assay****

Patient Viral Load Monitoring for Known Hepatitis C Carriers

HCV Quant by PCR

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