



Newfoundland & Labrador
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL ORDERING PROVIDERS
FROM: PUBLIC HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY, EASTERN HEALTH
DATE: December 15, 2022
RE: ORDER CHANGE FOR HEPATITIS SEROLOGY

Effective December 15, 2022, the order mnemonic HEPDX for hepatitis serology will no longer include testing for hepatitis A IgM antibody (Anti-HAV IgM).

The HEPDX order is now designated to test for only hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV), which includes;

- HBV surface antigen (HBsAg)
- Anti-HBV core total antibody (HBc total Ab) and
- Anti-HCV Ab

Where an ordering requisition states Hepatitis Diagnosis Panel, the HEPDX mnemonic will apply. If hepatitis A IgM antibody testing is required, please order HAVABM or state Anti-HAV IgM on the ordering requisition.

Program areas should review existing clinical specialty requisitions for applicability to prevent delays in laboratory testing where hepatitis A IgM antibody is required.

Sincerely

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