Testing Perinatally Exposed Hepatitis C Virus Infants and Children

Mother's Hepatitis C antibody or Hepatitis C RNA

RESULT

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Mother has prior or current Hepatitis C infection. Mother should be referred to provider.

Infants who have been exposed should be tested of Hepatitis C at the appropriate age.

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If Hepatitis C is not detected in the Mother. If there are risk factors OR possible exposure is suspected, retest for antibodies 6 months or later.

2 Months to <18 Months of age: Hepatitis C RNA test

OR

If 18 months or older: Anti-Hepatitis C with reflex to Hepatitis C RNA

HCV ANTIBODY

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Hepatitis C Detected: Refer child to a Hepatitis C provider

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Hepatitis C not Detected: No more testing is needed

HCV ANTIBODY

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Hepatitis C Antibodies Detected: Hepatitis C RNA testing is needed

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Hepatitis C not Detected: No more testing is needed



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Reference: AASLD and IDSA / HCV Guidance: Recommendations for Testing, Managing and Treating Hepatitis C: www.hcvguidelines.org/uniquepopulations/children

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