

**HOW TO REQUEST HEPATITIS TESTS FROM THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE (OHIP)**

THE CORRECT WAY TO REQUEST A TEST		
Clinical Scenario	Ministry of Health Requisition Request	Markers Performed
<p><b>Acute Viral Hepatitis infection</b></p>	<p><b>Viral Hepatitis (check <u>one</u> only)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acute hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Immune Status/Previous Exposure</p> <p>Specify: Hepatitis A _____</p> <p>Hepatitis B _____</p> <p>Hepatitis C _____</p>	<p><b><u>ALT TESTING ALWAYS DONE FIRST</u></b></p> <p>▶ If ALT ≤ 1.5 x upper limit of normal, <b>NO</b> Hepatitis testing performed.</p> <p>▶ If ALT &gt; 1.5 x upper limit of normal, <b>Hep A (Anti-HAV IgM), Hep B (HBsAg) and Hep C (Anti-HCV)</b> performed. <b>Anti-HBc IgM</b> will be performed if all three markers above are negative.</p>
<p><b>Chronic Hepatitis B and/or Hepatitis C infection</b></p>	<p><b>Viral Hepatitis (check <u>one</u> only)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acute hepatitis</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Immune Status/Previous Exposure</p> <p>Specify: Hepatitis A _____</p> <p>Hepatitis B _____</p> <p>Hepatitis C _____</p>	<p>▶ <b>Hepatitis B:</b> HBsAg</p> <p>▶ <b>Hepatitis C:</b> Anti-HCV</p>
<p><b>Immune status or Previous infection</b></p>	<p><b>Viral Hepatitis (check <u>one</u> only)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acute hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immune Status/Previous Exposure</p> <p>Specify: Hepatitis A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ AND/OR</p> <p>Hepatitis B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ AND/OR</p> <p>Hepatitis C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	<p>▶ Hepatitis A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : <b>Hep A (Anti-HAV IgG)</b></p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>▶ Hepatitis B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : <b>Hep B (HBsAb)</b></p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>▶ Hepatitis C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : <b>Hep C (Anti-HCV)</b></p> <p><b>Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and/or Hepatitis C may be ordered at the healthcare practitioner's discretion</b></p>
<p><b>Other Viral Hepatitis Infections</b></p>	<p>Hand-write other specific individual Hepatitis tests in the "Other Tests" section (one test per line) appropriate to the clinical scenario</p>	<p>▶ Order HBsAg and HBsAb to check for Hepatitis B contacts</p> <p>▶ Results of each marker ordered will be reported</p> <p>▶ Ordering individual markers will override the ALT cut-off</p> <p>▶ Nine possibilities: Anti-HAV IgM, Anti-HAV IgG; HBsAg, HBsAb, HBeAg, Anti-HBe, Anti-HBc, Anti-HBc IgM; Anti-HCV</p>
AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES		
<p><b>Missing information</b></p>	<p><b>Viral Hepatitis (check <u>one</u> only)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acute hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Immune Status/Previous Exposure</p> <p>Specify: Hepatitis A _____</p> <p>Hepatitis B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Hepatitis C _____</p>	<p>▶ <b>BOTH</b> the "Immune Status/Previous Exposure" <b>box</b> and one or more of the Specified Hepatitis <b>line(s)</b> <b>must be checked off</b></p>
<p><b>Non-specific Requests</b></p>	<p>Do not put non-specific or pre-stamped requests in "Other Tests", such as:</p> <p>▶ Hep A</p> <p>▶ Hepatitis A or B <b>Screen</b></p> <p>▶ Hepatitis B or Hep B testing</p>	<p>▶ Hepatitis testing will not be performed on "screens" or generalized Hepatitis requests</p>
<p>Two or more checked boxes, or one or more checked boxes in combination with inappropriately chosen, hand-written, Hepatitis Markers MAY LEAD TO REJECTION OF THE SPECIMEN AND NO HEPATITIS TESTING PERFORMED</p>		
<p><b>TESTING PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL LABORATORIES (OAML)</b></p>		