

Hepatitis B Surface Antibody



Alternate Name:	HBsAb
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Lavender top tube(EDTA), Yellow serum separator tube, green top tube (lithium heparin), or a red top tube.
Minimum Volume Required:	1.0 mL
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Routine: 4 hours
Special Handling:	None
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	3 Days Room Temp or 7 Days at 2-8° C
Reference Range:	Nonreactive
Critical Value:	None
CPT Code:	86706
EPIC Test Number:	LAB472
Testing Methodology:	Chemiluminescence Immunoassay
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling
Other Comments:	
Clinical Significance:	Presence of anti-HBs is an indicator of clinical recovery and subsequent immunity to hepatitis B virus. This test is useful for evaluation of possible immunity in individuals who are at increased risks for exposure to the hepatitis B (ie, hemodialysis unit personnel, venipuncturists, etc). Evaluate the need for hepatitis B immune globulin after needlestick injury; evaluate the need for hepatitis B vaccine and follow immune status after hepatitis B vaccine.

