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RE: Change in Method for Genotyping of Hepatitis C Virus

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The previous method used for determining the genotype of Hepatitis C virus (HCV) using analyte-specific reagents from Hologic Third Wave Technologies was discontinued by the manufacturer due to regulatory requirements of the Food and Drug Administration.

Effective June 17, 2010, we have received approval from the New York State Department of Health to replace this method with direct sequence analysis of the 5' non-translated region of the viral genome. This is the same region of the genome analyzed by the previous method. There will be no changes in ordering or reporting of the new test.

If you have any questions about HCV genotype analysis, please contact Dr. Paul Rothberg or Dr. Marilyn Menegus via the methods listed above.