Hepatitis B Surface Antibody

Effective 04/24/2018 the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody test will be restandardized to the WHO 2nd International Reference Preparation, 2008 (Code 07/164). This test was previously standardized to the WHO 1st International Reference Preparation, 1977 (Code W1042).

While there is no expected difference in qualitative values, there is an expected positive quantitative bias between the 1st and 2nd WHO International Standards. Method comparison studies performed by the manufacturer yielded a 6–14% upward shift in quantitative values over the measurement range of the reagent. Our internal method comparison studies have shown a similar upward shift. For this reason, quantitative values obtained using the previous WHO 1st International Reference Preparation standard should not be used interchangeably with values obtained using the restandardized method.

Specimen Requirements: No change

Patient Preparation: No change

Storage/Transport: No change

Stability: No change

Minimum volume: No change

Unacceptable Conditions: No change

Routine Testing: No change

Methodology: No change

Reference Interval: No change

References:


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