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# Memo

**To:** Submitters to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health  
Communicable Disease Nurses

**From:** William A. Glover, PhD, D(ABMM), MT(ASCP), Assistant Director for Infectious Diseases  
Richard (Rick) Moore, MD, Viral Hepatitis Medical Director

**CC:** Regional Consultants, NC Viral Hepatitis Program

**Date:** September 1, 2021

**Re:** Hepatitis C RNA NAAT Testing Change

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Effective, September 20, 2021, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health (NC SLPH) will transition testing for Hepatitis C RNA to the Aptima® HCV Quant Dx Assay using the Hologic Panther instrument platform. There are no changes to specimen collection or submission procedures. For details on these procedures, please see the NCSLPH [SCOPE: A Guide to Laboratory Services](#).

This test method change will allow NC SLPH to report detection and quantitative viral load results for Hepatitis C. Results reports will appear different and include qualitative, quantitative, and log quantitative results.

Please plan to join the NC SLPH and the NC Viral Hepatitis Program on September 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM EDT for a webinar to discuss this transition. Register here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/991328897083752461>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

We appreciate your patience during this transition. Please contact Rebecca S. Pelc, PhD, Virology/Serology Unit Manager, 919-807-8868 with any questions or concerns about this laboratory change or Brian Gravlin, RN, Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Nurse, 919-546-1695 with any questions regarding clinical care of quantitative HCV results.

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