

## Hepatitis B Core Antibody, IgM



<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Anti-HB IgMc Total, HBc IgM Ab, Anti-HB IgM AG	
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover	
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Lavender top tube(EDTA), Yellow serum separator tube, green top tube (lithium heparin), or a red top tube.	
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	1.0 mL	
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	24 hours/day
	<b>Stat:</b>	No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	Routine: 4 hours	
<b>Special Handling:</b>	None	
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None	
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	8 Hrs Room Temp or 2 Days at 2-8° C	
<b>Reference Range:</b>	Nonreactive	
<b>Critical Value:</b>	None	
<b>CPT Code:</b>	86705	
<b>EPIC Test Number:</b>	LAB549	
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Chemiluminescence Immunoassay	
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Hemolysis	
<b>Other Comments:</b>		
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	This test is suggested for work-up of acute or chronic hepatitis. If the patient has previously been positive, it is recommended to wait three months before testing again. If the patient has no detectable antibody, it is recommended to wait at least three months before testing again.	