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Dear Provider,

We are aware that your practice is utilizing the GeneXpert ([Xpert®HCV](#)) Point of Care (POC) hepatitis C virus (HCV) diagnostic testing instrument. This letter is a reminder that under New York State (NYS) Public Health Laws 2102 and 576-c and New York City (NYC) Health Code Articles 11 and 13 all HCV ribonucleic acid (RNA) test results, regardless of test type or test result (detectable/undetectable), are required to be reported to the NYS Department of Health via the Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS). These results are important for public health surveillance purposes and [tracking](#) NYS progress toward [hepatitis C elimination by 2030](#).

Most diagnostic testing is performed by clinical laboratories which automatically reports the results to ECLRS. However, because the Xpert®HCV is a point of care test done outside of the laboratory, it is the responsibility of the provider conducting the test to report the results.

Reporting of the Xpert®HCV diagnostic test results can be reported in the following ways.

- Utilizing an interface between your electronic health record and ECLRS.
- Entry into the ECLRS.
https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/providers/point_of_care.htm
- Entry into SimpleReport. SimpleReport is a fast, free, and easy way for your organization to report results to public health departments.
<https://www.simplereport.gov/using-simplereport/>

In addition to reporting the Xpert®HCV test results, providers are mandated under the NYS Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR Section 2.10) to report all suspected or confirmed cases of HCV. This includes patients with a positive HCV antibody test and/or a positive HCV RNA test. Reports should be made to the local health department in the county in which the patient resides within 24 hours of diagnosis. Providers may be contacted by local health departments either by phone or in writing for additional information and should ensure that requested information is provided promptly.

- More Information on how to report suspected or confirmed cases of HCV outside of NYC: <https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/diseases/reporting/communicable/>.
- NYC providers should refer to <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/reporting-and-services/reporting-central.page> for additional information on reporting in NYC.

Additionally, in May 2024, new HCV screening requirement went into effect in NYS under Public Health Law Section 2171. Providers and settings offering primary care services and all emergency departments must offer an HCV screening test to:

- All persons 18 years of age and older.
- All persons under the age of 18 at risk for HCV.

Finally, all providers attending to a pregnant person must order an HCV screening test during each pregnancy under Public Health Law Section 2500-l. For more information on these HCV screening requirements go to:

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hepatitis/hepatitis_c/providers/testing_law.htm

If you have questions about reporting of the Xpert® HCV diagnostic test results, provider reporting requirements, or the new HCV screening requirements email hepatabc@health.ny.gov

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Hepatitis Health Care and Epidemiology

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV, and Sexually Transmitted Infections