

Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1(HIV-1), Qualitative, RNA (Early Detection) Test

DESCRIPTION

HIV is a sexually transmitted disease (that can be spread outside of sexual contact) known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). It is the virus that causes AIDS. This condition damages your immune system and can lead to serious illness, infections and many other symptoms.

This test is intended to be used as an aid to diagnose acute or primary HIV infection. The presence of HIV-1 RNA without antibody to HIV-1 is indicative of an acute or primary infection. This test is also ordered to confirm HIV-1 infection in a person who repeatedly test positive for HIV-1 infection or to resolve an indeterminate or inconclusive HIV-1 Western blot result.

WHY DO I NEED AN HIV-1, QUALITATIVE, RNA (EARLY DETECTION) TEST?

You would order this test to screen for or to diagnose an HIV infection. If you feel that you have been exposed to the virus, the HIV-1 RNA test can be used to aid in the diagnosis of acute or primary infection. This test can also be used as an additional test to confirm the HIV-1 infections in individuals who are repeatedly reactive for HIV-1 antibodies.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST?

No, fasting is not required. There are no dietary or medicinal restrictions to take this test.

WHAT IS THE SAMPLE REQUIRED?

A simple venous blood draw.

IS A DOCTOR'S ORDER REQUIRED?

No. You do not need to provide a doctor's order to get lab testing done at Any Lab Test Now.

WHEN WILL I GET MY TEST RESULTS?

Test results generally take between 2 to 5 business days after your specimen is collected.

DO I NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

No. You can walk in for same day testing. We make it easy for you by offering work-friendly hours.

IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY TESTS RESULTS WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

We recommend you share your results with your primary care physician or with your specialist (Infectious Disease).