

PERINATAL HEPATITIS C

A Guide for Pediatric Providers

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The Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Perinatal Hepatitis C Program (PHCP) was established in 2016. The program follows all pregnant and postpartum persons with hepatitis C virus (HCV) to offer guidance and linkage to services such as HCV treatment. All infants born with an exposure to HCV are followed until adequate testing has occurred.

CHILDREN OF HCV-POSITIVE PERSONS Test for HCV Infection

PEDIATRIC HCV TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

AGE	ACTION	CODES
2-6 months	Test for HCV RNA.	CPT Code: 87522 LabCorp Test #: 550080 Quest Test #: 35645
7-17 months	If not previously tested by 7 months of age, test for HCV RNA.	CPT Code: 87522 LabCorp Test #: 550080 Quest Test #: 35645
18+ months	If not previously tested by 18 months of age, test for HCV Ab. If HCV Ab (+) test for HCV RNA to confirm.*	CPT Code: 86803 LabCorp Test #: 144050 Quest Test #: 8472

- If an infant tests HCV RNA (-) at ≥ 2 months of age, they do not require further follow-up unless clinically warranted.
- If an infant tests HCV RNA (+) report to PHCP and refer child to a pediatric HCV specialist!

* Testing HCV Ab before 18 months of age may reflect residual HCV Ab from the birthing person.