

## Hepatitis C Case Classifications

Case Status	Symptoms	Jaundice OR ALT > 400 IU/L	IgM anti-HAV (If done) ‡	IgM anti-HBc (If done) ‡	Anti-HCV	s/co	NAT for HCV RNA (qualitative, quantitative, or genotype testing)	Lab data is weakly positive or missing
<b>Acute*</b>								
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)	(+)	PT+	(+)	
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)	(+)	PT+		
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)			(+)	
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)	(+)		(+)	
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)	(+)	PT+	(-)	
Confirmed	X	X	(-)	(-)	(-)		(+)	
Suspect**	Symptoms <b>OR</b> Jaundice/ALT <b>OR</b> Neither		(-)	(-)	One of the Confirmed Test scenarios above			
Suspect	Symptoms <b>AND/OR</b> Jaundice/ALT		(-)	(-)	None of the Confirmed Test scenarios above			X

\*A documented negative HCV antibody laboratory test result followed within 6 months by a positive test result does not require an acute clinical presentation to meet the surveillance case definition.

\*\*If no new information is found during patient follow up, the reportable condition should be changed to Confirmed Chronic.

‡ If IgM anti-HAV or IgM anti-HBc are positive, case cannot be confirmed acute, but can be confirmed as Chronic HCV if the Chronic case definition is met. A Hep A or Hep B reportable condition should be created in ODRS for a positive IgM anti-HAV or IgM anti-HBc test.

<b>Chronic †</b>								
Confirmed					(+)	PT+	(+)	
Confirmed					(+)	PT+		
Confirmed							(+)	
Confirmed					(+)		(+)	
Confirmed					(+)	PT+	(-)	
Confirmed					(-)		(+)	
Probable		>N ALT			(+) EIA			
Suspect					(+)			
Suspect								X

† A person less than 18 months of age can only meet the case definition for Confirmed Chronic if a NAT for HCV RNA is positive.

### Terms and symbols used in this table:

(-) = A negative test result (if done)

(+) = A positive test result

>N = greater than the reference range for the test

ALT= Alanine Aminotransferase Test

PT+ = the signal to cut-off ratio (s/co) is predictive of a true positive as determined for the particular assay as defined by CDC :

[Signal to cut-off ratios](#)

**Lab data is weakly positive or missing** = Hepatitis C infection is reported without lab results or labs may be weakly or borderline positive: NAT for HCV RNA is below reference range or anti-HCV result is below signal to cut-off ratio.

**Symptoms** = Fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain

**Suspect**= Case that doesn't meet case definition as one or more of the criteria are missing.