**Hepatitis C, Chronic (2016)**

**Clinical Criteria**

A illness with discrete onset of any sign or symptom consistent with acute viral hepatitis (e.g., fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain),

**AND**

a) jaundice

**OR**

b) a peak elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) level >200 IU/L during the period of acute illness.

**Laboratory Criteria**

A positive test for antibodies to hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV)

Hepatitis C virus detection test:

Nucleic acid test (NAT) for HCV RNA positive (including qualitative, quantitative or genotype testing)

A positive test indicating presence of hepatitis C viral antigen(s), when and if a test for HCV antigen(s) is approved by FDA and available

**Case Classification**

**Chronic, Confirmed**

A case that does not meet clinical criteria or has no report of clinical criteria

**AND**

Does not have test conversion within 12 months or has no report of test conversion

**AND**

Has a positive HCV NAT or HCV antigen test

**Chronic, Probable**

A case that does not meet clinical criteria or has no report of clinical criteria AND

Does not have test conversion within 12 months or has no report of test conversion

**AND**

Has a positive anti-HCV antibody test, but no report of a positive HCV NAT or positive HCV antigen test
**For Reference Only**

**Acute, Confirmed**

A case that meets clinical criteria and has a positive hepatitis C virus detection test (HCV NAT or HCV antigen)

**OR**

A documented negative HCV antibody, HCV antigen or NAT laboratory test result followed within 12 months by a positive result of any of these tests (test conversion)

**Acute, Probable**

A case that meets clinical criteria and has a positive anti-HCV antibody test, but has no reports of a positive HCV NAT or positive HCV antigen tests

**AND**

Does not have test conversion within 12 months or has no report of test conversion

**Chronic, Confirmed**

• Does not meet clinical criteria or has no report on clinical criteria

• Does not have test conversion within 12 months or has no report of test conversion

• Has a positive HCV detection test

**Chronic, Probable**

• Does not meet clinical criteria or has no report of clinical criteria

• Does not have test conversion within 12 months or has no report of test conversion

• Has a positive anti-HCV antibody test, but no report of a positive HCV detection test