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IN THIS ISSUE: Hepatitis C Screening Test Now Available

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Munson Healthcare Laboratories now offer a screening hepatitis C virus blood test under the test name "Hepatitis C Screening". This test is being made available as insurance carriers now cover a screening test for Hepatitis C virus for preventive health purposes and for individuals who are at high risk for this infection.

This test should be ordered for patients who:

- Have current or past history of illicit injected drug use. Testing can be ordered annually only for high risk Medicare beneficiaries with continued illicit injection drug use since the prior negative screening test.
- Received a blood transfusion prior to 1992. Testing can only be ordered one time.
- For Medicare beneficiaries born between 1945 and 1965 who are not considered high risk. Testing can only be ordered once in a lifetime.

NOTE: Insurance plans are variable and may cover additional conditions not listed above.

The CPT Code is **G0472**. Diagnoses that cover this test are:

- **Z72.89** – Other problems related to lifestyle
- **F19.20** – Other Psychoactive substance dependence uncomplicated