Hepatitis C Case (Acute and Chronic) Classification Algorithm

HCV Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) or antigen positive?

YES

Jaundice OR Bilirubin Level greater than or equal to 3.0 mg/dl OR ALT level greater than or equal to 200 IU/L AND Absence of more likely diagnosis?

NO

Documented negative HCV antibody, HCV NAT, or HCV antigen followed within 12 months by a positive result of any of these tests?

YES

CONFIRMED HEPATITIS C, ACUTE

NO

Documented negative HCV antibody, HCV NAT, or HCV antigen followed within 12 months by a positive result of any of these tests?

YES

CONFIRMED HEPATITIS C, ACUTE

NO

HCV antibody positive?

YES

NOT A CASE

NO

Documented negative HCV antibody, HCV NAT, or HCV antigen followed within 12 months by a positive result of any of these tests?

YES

CONFIRMED HEPATITIS C, ACUTE

NO

CONFIRMED HEPATITIS C, CHRONIC

NOT A CASE