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Change of Method: Implementation of the Abbott HCV AB PRISM Blood Donor Assay

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Summary:

Effective June 29, 2009, CPAL has implemented the Abbott PRISM System for testing blood donor specimens for HCV AB. The Abbott PRISM System is a high-volume, automated immunoassay analyzer designed to determine the presence of specific antigens and antibodies by using chemiluminescent immunoassay technology. This represents a change from the EIA method previously used for this analyte, performed using the *Ortho Summit Processor (OSP)*. **Important Note:** The PRISM System is not approved for the testing of patient specimens and will only be used to test the selected blood donor specimens. At this time blood donor specimen testing for HIV 1/2 antibodies will continue to be performed via the EIA method.
