

HIV Antibody Testing BPA



Testing for HIV antibodies are currently performed through a few different Epic orders depending on the location (ED/inpatient vs outpatient, Community vs Downtown).

- For patients with a prior positive serology in the past 1 year, additional serologic testing is rarely indicated. If testing is ordered to follow the status of the patient's HIV infection, the viral load quantitation is the most appropriate value to follow and can be ordered with HIV-1 PCR Plasma (LAB8722).
- > Starting Wednesday May 20th, all orders for HIV serology will trigger a BPA to look for a prior positive serology result in the prior 12 months.
- > If there is **NOT** a prior positive result, then the order will be entered as normal.
- If there **IS** a prior positive serology result, then the below BPA screen (depending on which antibody test was ordered) will appear showing the prior positive serology testing and suggesting the quantitative molecular testing, with options to continue with the serologic testing or to switch to the molecular test.





