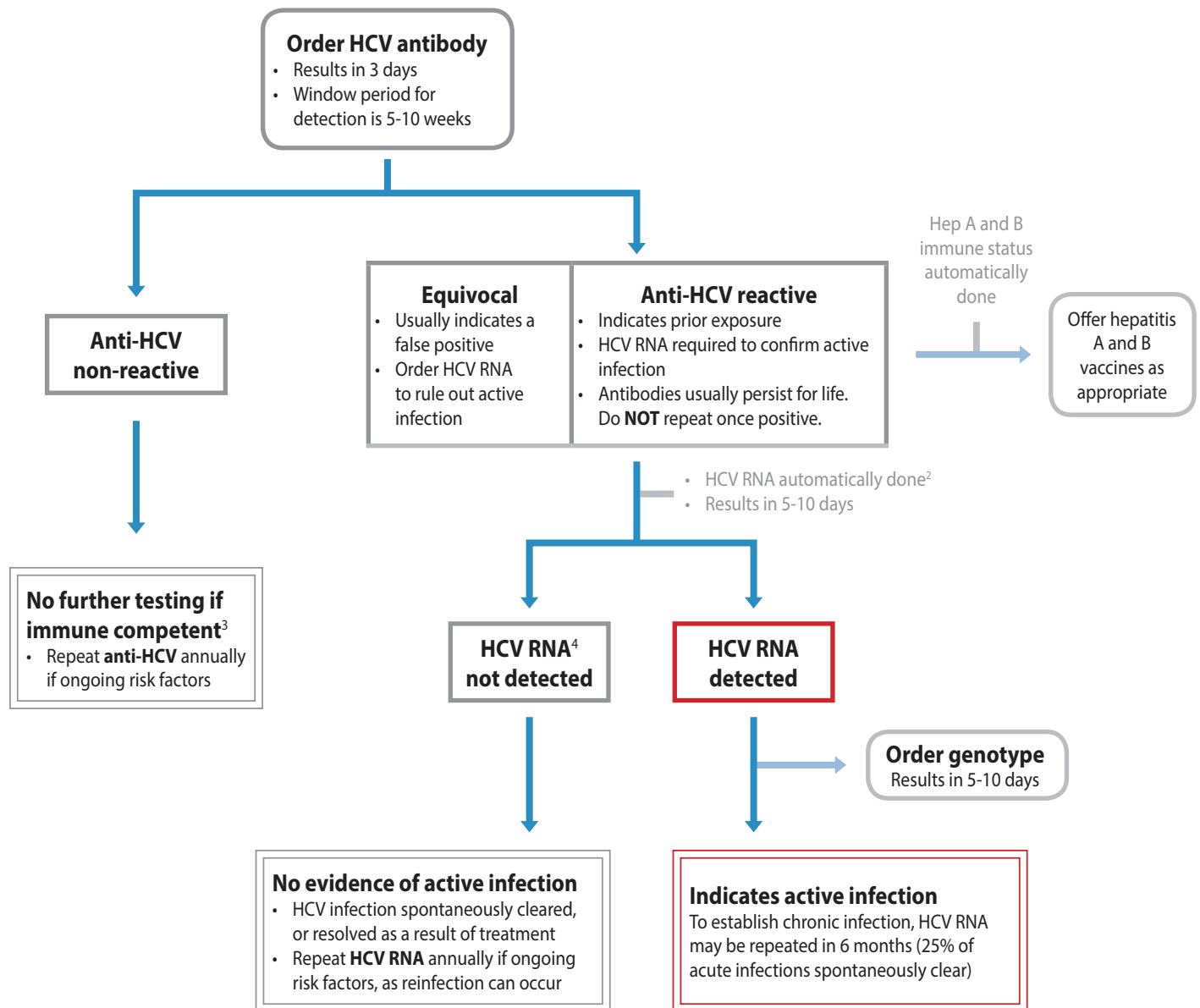




Appendix 6 – Hepatitis C Testing Guide¹



¹ BCCDC Hepatitis B Testing Guide (2018). Available from: www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual/communicable-disease-control

² Automatic HCV RNA testing done as of January 13/20 on all **first time** anti-HCV reactive results, and previously anti-HCV reactive results where HCV RNA testing has **never** been done. Instructions will be provided on the BCCDC PHL lab result in situations where an additional EDTA tube is required for HCV RNA testing to be completed.

³ False negatives may occur in the presence of major immunosuppression (e.g., HIV infection where CD4 + < 50 cells/mm³ and agammaglobulinemia). Order HCV RNA where appropriate.

⁴ Instructions will be provided on the BCCDC PHL lab result to collect an EDTA tube for HCV RNA testing to confirm an initial HCV RNA 'not detected' result.