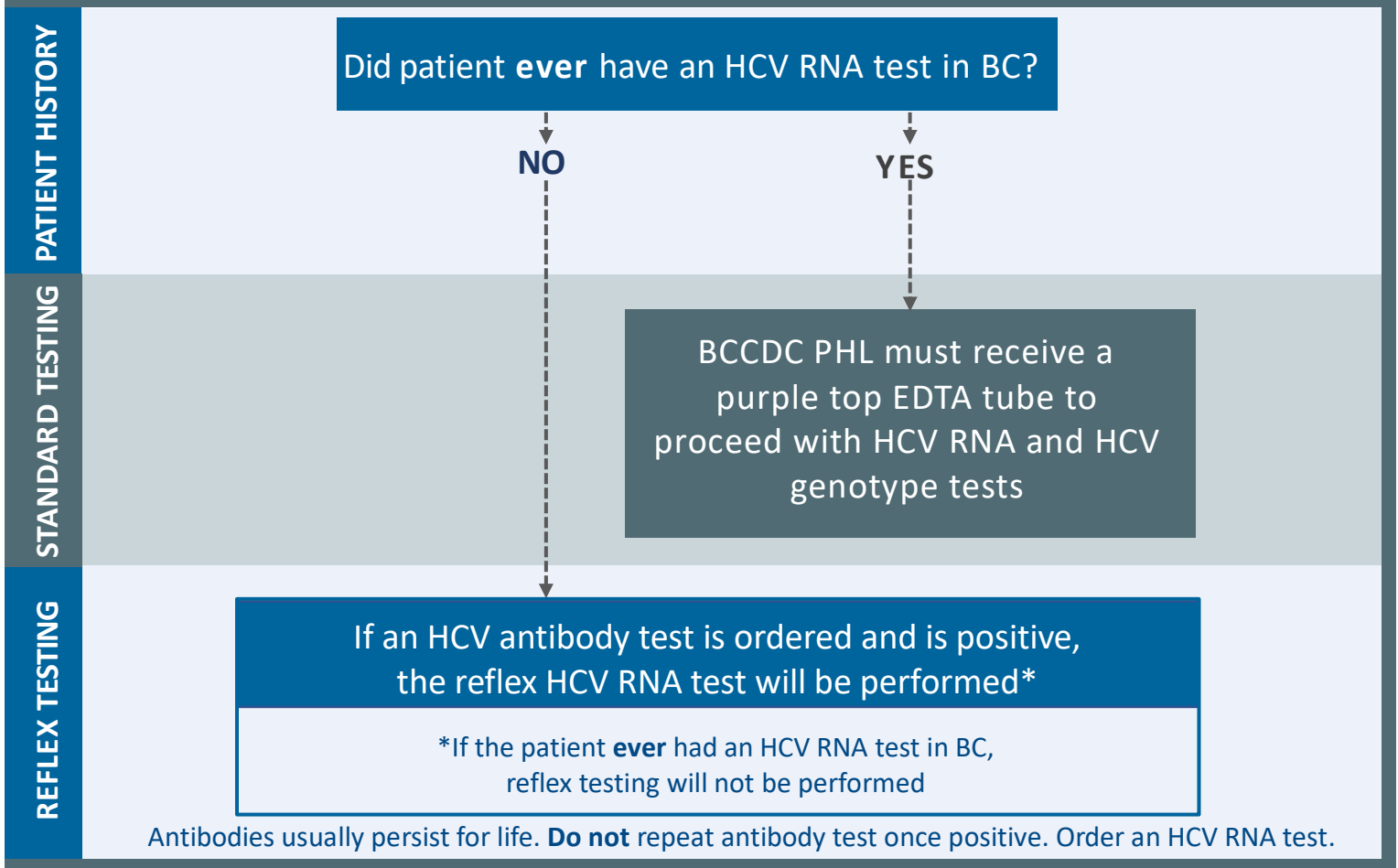




When is HCV RNA Reflex Testing Conducted at the BCCDC Public Health Laboratory (PHL)?

BCCDC PHL HCV RNA Reflex Testing Processes



When ordering HCV RNA or genotype testing:

- Use a [BCCDC PHL Serology lab requisition](#) for requesting STIBBI tests, as there is a specific tick box for HCV RNA and genotype, separate to anti-HCV, which will make things more clear for labs. This may mean that two lab requisitions will be needed if also ordering AST, ALT etc.
- Samples sent to the BCCDC PHL are stored for 7 days. If the sample is anti-HCV positive, it is stored at the BCCDC lab indefinitely.
- If an antibody test instead of HCV RNA was done, call client services (1-877-747-2522) to request HCV RNA testing to avoid having to recall the client.
- If the specific client issue cannot be resolved through client services, the BCCDC Medical Microbiologist can also be contacted 24-7 (Pager: 604-661-7033; Email: BCCDC_MicroOncall@bccdc.ca)

For a more details see: [The Hepatitis C Testing Guide: Quick Reference for Health Care Providers](#)

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