Prepare your work bench with:

- Lab Bench Coat
- Alcohol Skin Cleansing Swabs
- SARSTEDT® Safety Lancet Super
- Cotton Wool Ball
- SARSTEDT® Minivette® POCT
- Xpert HCV VL FS Test Cartridge
- Adhesive Plaster

Preparation and Patient Assessment

1. Check the expiry date of the test cartridge.
2. Wearing clean gloves, open the cartridge lid.
3. You can encourage patients to warm their own hands by rubbing their hands together, shaking them and performing fist pumps.
4. Determine the best site for taking the sample which is midway either side of the midline of the finger.

Site Disinfection, Fingerstick and Collection

1. If hands are visibly soiled and a sink is available ask participants to wash hands with soap and warm water.
2. Use 1st swab to clean finger well moving in both directions.
3. Use 2nd swab to disinfect finger in a single stroke.
4. Hold the finger and press the lancet firmly against the finger when making the puncture.
5. Wipe away the first drop of blood with a sterile gauze pad or cotton ball.
6. Collect the blood using the Minivette® tip until the blood has reached the filter.
7. IMPORTANT: Hold the Minivette® horizontal touching the tip to the blood easily filling the Minivette®.
8. Place a cotton ball on the participant’s finger once the Minivette® is full and ask participant to hold it in the place where the fingerstick was performed.
9. Place a plaster on the participant’s finger.
10. Place Minivette® into the large sample opening.
11. Press the plunger of the Minivette®. Make sure you hold onto the cartridge while doing this so that you don’t knock it over and spill the contents.
12. Close the lid of the cartridge.

Phone the Help Desk on 08 8201 7555 if you have any problems

(Flinsters University International Centre for Point-of-Care Testing)