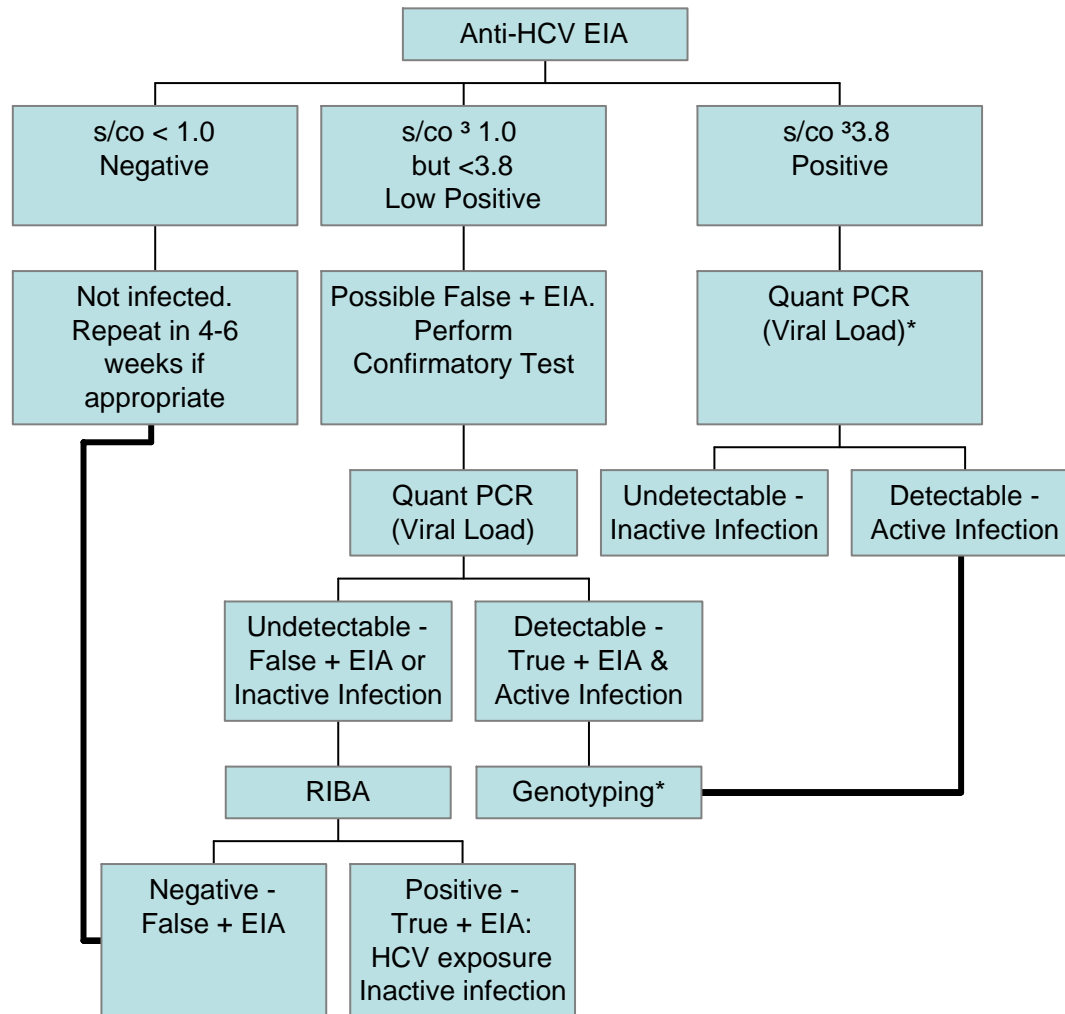


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\* Viral load and genotyping are recommended if antiviral therapy is being considered. Viral load testing should be performed at baseline, at periodic intervals after therapy is initiated, and 6 months after completion of therapy to monitor response.