

## HOTLINE: Effective August 17, 2020

## Antinuclear Antibodies (ANA), IgG by ELISA with Reflex to ANA HEp-2 Substrate, IgG by IFA and ENA Confirmation

**ANA REF** 

**Note:** ANA lacks diagnostic specificity, and is associated with in variety diseases (cancers, autoimmune, infectious, and inflammatory conditions) and occurs in healthy individuals in varying prevalence. The lack of diagnostic specificity requires confirmation of positive ANA by more-specific serologic tests, which may be guided by the pattern(s) observed.

Specimens are screened for ANA using ELISA. If ANA IgG is detected by ELISA, then Antinuclear Antibody (ANA), HEp-2, IgG by IFA will be added. If ANA, IgG by IFA is confirmed positive with a titer of 1:80 or greater, then a titer and pattern will be reported. In addition, samples positive for ANA, IgG by IFA will reflex to Double-Stranded DNA (dsDNA) Antibody, IgG by ELISA; Jo-1 Antibody, IgG; Smith/RNP (ENA) Antibody, IgG; Scleroderma (Scl-70) (ENA) Antibody, IgG; Smith (ENA) Antibody, IgG; SSA 52 and 60 (Ro) (ENA) Antibodies, IgG; and SSB (La) (ENA) Antibody, IgG if Double-Stranded DNA (dsDNA) Antibody, IgG by ELISA is detected, then Double-Stranded DNA (dsDNA) Antibody, IgG by IFA (using *Crithidia luciliae*) will be added. Additional charges apply.

ANA identified by indirect fluorescence assay (IFA) using HEp-2 substrate and IgG-specific conjugate at a screening dilution of 1:80. Positive nuclear patterns reported include homogeneous, speckled, centromere, nucleolar, or nuclear dots. Positive cytoplasmic patterns reported include reticular/AMA, discrete/GW body-like, polar/golgi-like, rods and rings, or cytoplasmic speckled patterns. All positive results are reported with endpoint titers at no additional charge.

**HOTLINE NOTE:** There is a reflexive pattern change associated with this test.

Add component 3002774, Cytoplasm Pattern to reflexive orderable 3000478