

# ANA IFA Cascade with IdentRA®\*

**Comprehensive screen for the 8 most common  
rheumatic diseases—with one blood draw**

Diagnosing autoimmune rheumatic conditions can be challenging

- Symptoms can be vague, vary from patient to patient, and overlap
- Diagnoses are often based on a combination of clinical information and laboratory test results

## Introducing ANA IFA Cascade with IdentRA®\* (test code 94954)

This new panel combines sensitivity and specificity of various markers to aid in differential diagnosis for the 8 most common rheumatic diseases:

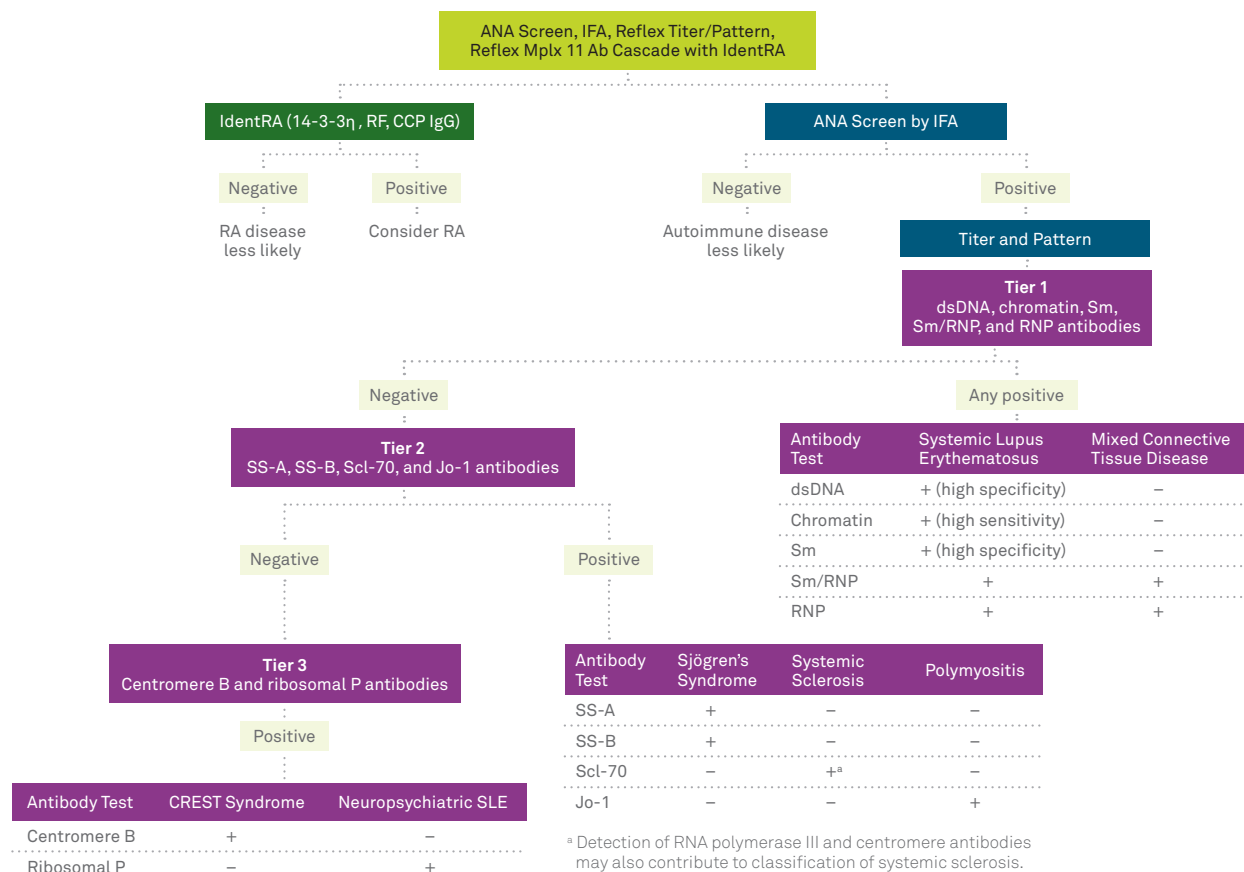
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)
- Mixed Connective Tissue Disease
- Systemic Sclerosis
- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Sjögren's Syndrome
- Polymyositis
- CREST Syndrome
- Neuropsychiatric SLE
- Screens antinuclear autoantibodies (ANA) using the gold standard, highly sensitive immunofluorescence assay (IFA) with HEp-2 cells
- Reflexes a positive ANA screen to a tiered cascade of specific antibodies
- IdentRA® panel components include:
  - Widely used RA markers RF (rheumatoid factor) and CCP (cyclic citrullinated peptide)
  - Serum 14-3-3η (eta) protein, a marker for RA that improves identification of early and established RA<sup>1,2,3</sup> in addition to providing prognostic information<sup>4,5</sup>

## Evaluate autoimmune rheumatic disease in less time

- Early detection allows patients to begin therapy sooner
- In some cases, may prevent or delay further damage, e.g., to joints
- Supports more-informed referrals



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If ANA IFA is positive and no positive specific antibodies are detected, correlate with clinical findings and consider other autoimmune diseases and tests.

The tiered cascade was developed by Quest Diagnostics based in part on references 6-11. It is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended as medical advice. A physician's test selection and interpretation, diagnosis, and patient management decisions should be based on his/her education, clinical expertise, and assessment of the patient.

### Test Code Test Name

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| 94954 | ANA Screen, IFA, Reflex Titer/Pattern, Reflex Mplx 11 Ab Cascade with IdentRA                                                                                      |
|       | ANA Screen, IFA, Reflex Titer/Pattern, and Reflex to Mplx 11 Ab Cascade, Rheumatoid Factor, Cyclic Citrullinated Peptide (CCP) Antibody (IgG), 14-3-3eta Protein.* |
|       | Tier 1 markers include dsDNA, Sm/RNP, RNP, Sm, and Chromatin; Tier 2: SSA, SSB, Scl-70, Jo-1; Tier 3: Ribosomal P and Centromere B                                 |

\* This test was developed and its performance characteristics have been determined by Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute. Performance characteristics refer to the analytical performance of the test.

**Make sure ANA IFA Cascade with IdentRA® test information (test code 94954) is added to your EHR.**

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