

The presence of anti-nuclear and anti-cytoplasmic antibodies is indicative of systemic autoimmune diseases and can be used in conjunction with other clinical findings to aid in diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjogren's syndrome, scleroderma, hepatitis, and other mixed connective tissue diseases¹⁻³. Anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) are detected by indirect immunofluorescence on slides coated with Hep-2 cells. Positive results include the pattern of fluorescence and titer between 1:80 and 1:2560. All samples positive for ANA are reflexively tested for extractable nuclear antibodies (ENA) and anti-double stranded DNA antibodies. Slides with mouse stomach, liver, and kidney tissue are used to detect anti-cytoplasmic antibodies, including anti-liver/kidney microsomal antibody (ALKMA), anti-mitochondrial antibody (AMA), anti-parietal cell antibody (APCA), and anti-smooth muscle antibody (ASMA). Positive results are reported as 1+ to 4+ to indicate relative strength of the antibody. For more information, call the lab at 513-636-9820.

Sample:

The only acceptable sample for this assay is serum collected in a gold top (SST) tube.

Requested volume: 1mL

Shipping Conditions:

- Ambient if sent within 24 hours
- On cold packs if sent >24 hours after collection

Testing Schedule:

Autoantibody screening is performed Thurs on first shift. For testing outside of this schedule, call the lab at 513-636-9820. **TAT:** 1-7 days

EPIC Test Code:

8001100

CPT Code:

86008

Clinical Lab Index:

<https://www.testmenu.com/cincinnatichildrens/tests/662828>

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References:

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