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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS FACTOR (RA FACTOR) TEST

DESCRIPTION

The Rheumatoid Arthritis Factor (RA Factor) Test measures the rheumatoid factor antibody in the blood – typically not present in a normal individual's blood. If present, this can indicate and diagnose rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.

In fact, a positive RA factor is also present in patients with other conditions including other connective tissue diseases, infectious diseases like hepatitis, parasites, liver disease and more.

WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

If your joints hurt from walking up stairs, opening up jars or other routine activity, you may want to take the RA Factor Test. Rheumatoid arthritis often causes problems in several joints at the same time – affecting your smaller joints like wrists and ankles first. As the disease progresses, your shoulders, elbows, knees, hips, jaw and neck can also become involved. Basically, your whole body hurts and it's not fun.

Get screened early because rheumatoid arthritis can be curbed by medicine and other doctor-instructed treatment.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?

Test results generally take between 24 to 72 business hours after your specimen is collected.

AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

Yes. Please fast 10 to 12 hours before taking the test.

OTHER RELEVANT LAB TESTS

Customers who choose the RA Factor also opt for the Sedimentation Rate, C-Reactive Protein, and Antinuclear Antibodies tests. As an upgrade, some customers select the Connective Tissue Panel.

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