

## TEST STATUS - NEW TEST

Notification Date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Effective Date: January 29, 2025

## Test Name: Rheumatoid Factor, Serum and Plasma

Test ID: LAB206

Explanation: On the effective date, Vanderbilt Medical Laboratories at MetroCenter will perform rheumatoid factor biochemical testing to provide rapid turnaround times for patient care.

Useful For: Measurement of rheumatoid factor levels can aid in the workup of suspected rheumatoid arthritis or undifferentiated inflammatory arthritis.

Methodology: Immunoturbidimetric

Reference Interval: 0 - 14 IU/mL

Specimen Requirements:

Specimen Type:	Serum
Alternate Specimen:	Light Green (Lithium Heparin with Gel)
Container/Tube:	Gold Top (Clot Activator with Gel)
Specimen Preparation:	Allow specimen to clot completely at room temperature. Separate serum or plasma from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection.
Specimen Volume:	Fill to the Indicator Line.
Pediatric Collection:	1 Gold Microtainer
Storage/Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated (2-8 °C)

Specimen Stability Information:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Serum/Plasma	4-8 °C	8 Days
	20-25 °C	1 Day
	Frozen	3 Months

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Reasons for Rejection: Hemolysis, improper collection container, insufficient volume for testing, sample outside of stability limits.

CPT Code(s): 86431

Days(s) Performed: Daily

Report Available: Continuous

Note: The following referral test code will become obsolete.

Test Name	Test ID	Referral Lab Code	Referral Lab
Rheumatoid Factor	LBA6059	0050465	ARUP

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