

Rheumatoid Factor, Serum

Reporting Title: Rheumatoid Factor, S **Performing Location:** Rochester

Additional Testing Requirements:

An alternative or complementary assay to rheumatoid factor (RF) that has demonstrated utility in the diagnosis and assessment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is CCP / Cyclic Citrullinated Peptide Antibodies, IgG, Serum. Utilization of both tests can provide clinical value in the diagnosis of RA. RF is not specific and may be present in other inflammatory rheumatic diseases and nonrheumatic diseases as well as in nonaffected individuals, especially in those 60 years of age or older.

Specimen Requirements:

Collection Container/Tube: Preferred: Serum gel Acceptable: Red top Submission Container/Tube: Plastic vial Specimen Volume: 1 mL Collection Instructions: Centrifuge and aliquot serum into a plastic vial.

Forms:

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a <u>Renal Diagnostics Test Request</u> (T830) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Ambient	14 days	
	Frozen	14 days	

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Туре	Unit	LOINC®
RHUT	Rheumatoid Factor, S	Numeric	IU/mL	11572-5

LOINC[®] and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information: 86431

Reference Values: <15 IU/mL