

Legacy Laboratory Services

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An Important Update from Legacy Laboratory Services

Updates to Syphilis Antibody Screen Reporting

Effective July 25, 2017, Legacy Laboratory Services will have an improved reporting mechanism for **Syphilis Screening**. All requests for Syphilis Screening will be resulted with a final interpretation of the patient's syphilis status in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended reverse algorithm (See figure 1). The Syphilis Antibody Screen with reflex to the reverse algorithm is the preferred screening method for Syphilis diagnosis.

The name of the Syphilis Antibody Screen has been updated to: Syphilis Antibody Screen with Reflex

Billing and specimen requirements remain unchanged. Legacy Laboratory Services will continue to offer additional Syphilis testing for situations when the Syphilis Antibody Screen with Reflex is not indicated. Syphilis testing options are summarized in Table 1.

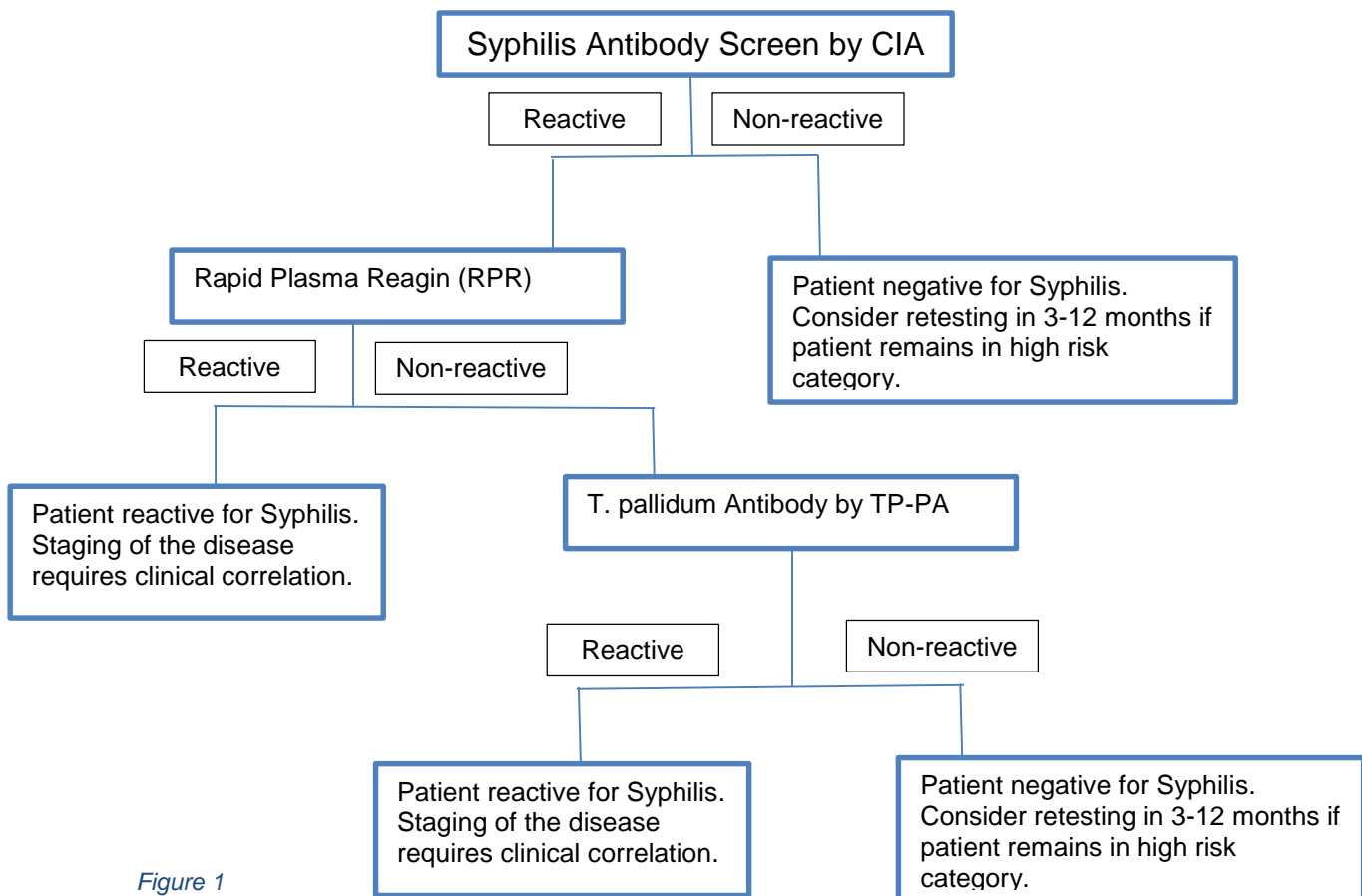


Figure 1

Table 1: Syphilis Testing Options

Name	Syphilis Antibody Screen with Reflex	Syphilis Screen-Neonatal	Syphilis Monitor-RPR
Mnemonic	SYPH AB RFLX	SYPH NEO	SYPH MON
Includes	Syphilis Antibody Screen by CIA Possible Confirmation if indicated could include RPR w/reflex to titer and <i>T. pallidum</i> Antibody by TP-PA	RPR with Reflex to Titer	RPR with Reflex to Titer
Guidelines	Used for primary screening and diagnosis of syphilis. Order this test for patients greater than or equal to 30 days old, including pregnant females	Order test for patients less than 30 days old	Order test to monitor patients previously diagnosed with Syphilis.

Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2015 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines – Syphilis, <http://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/syphilis.htm> , Last reviewed: July 29, 2016.

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