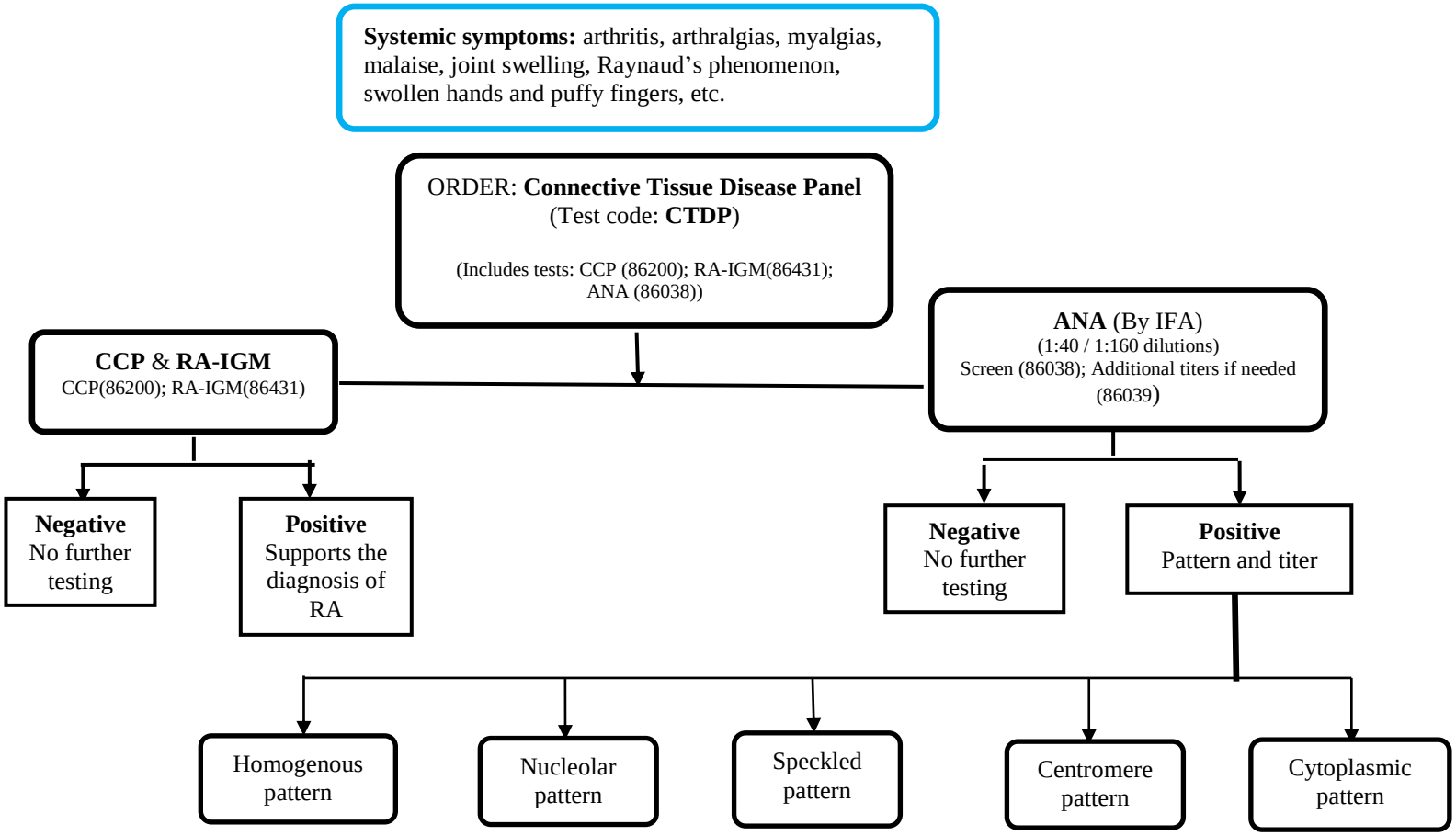
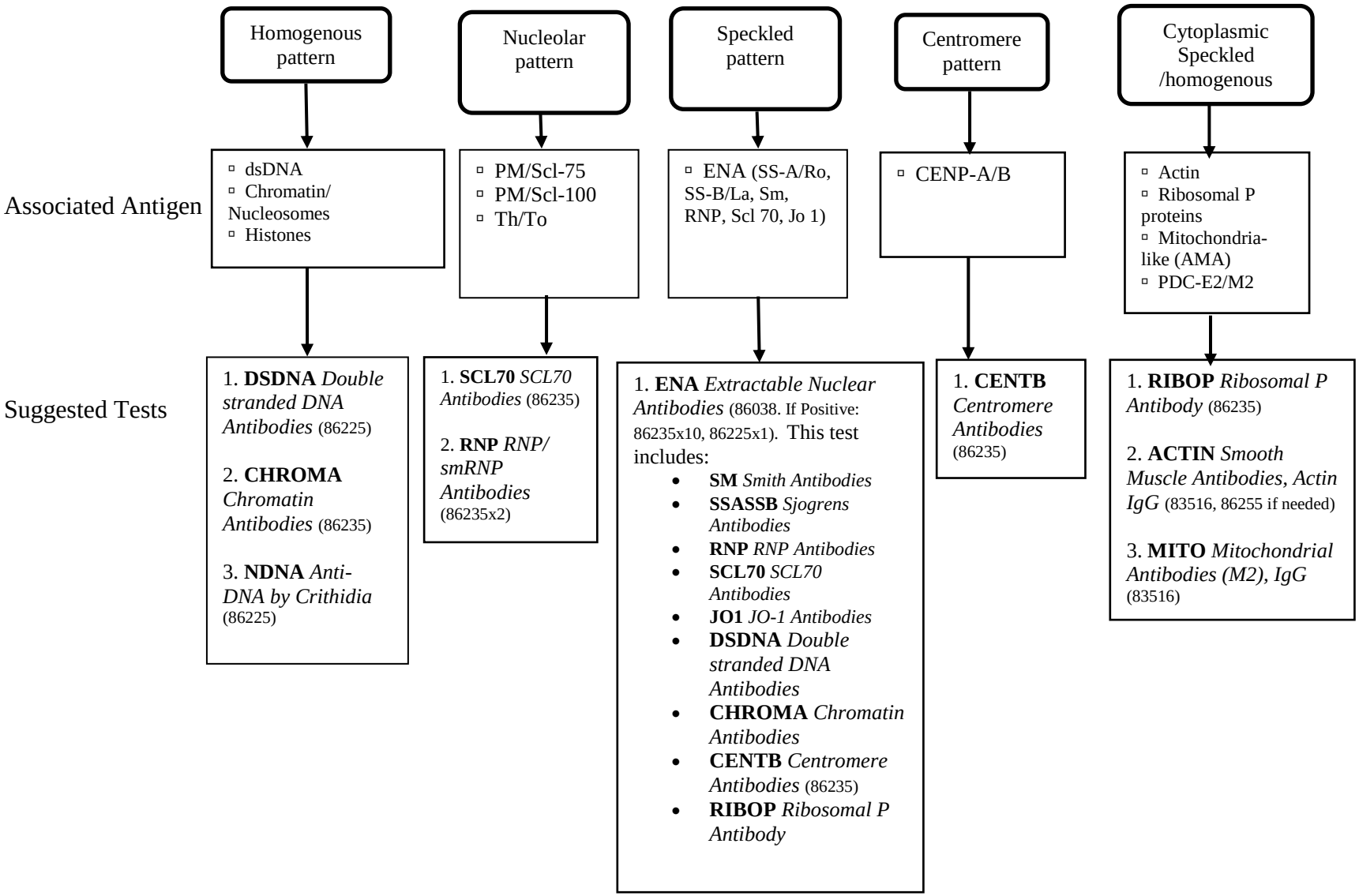
Mixed Connective Tissue Disease Panel Algorithm (MCTD)



Suggested Follow-Up Testing Based on Initial ANA IFA Pattern detected



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Disease legend

CREST	CREST (Calcinosis cutis, Raynaud's phenomenon, Esophageal dysmotility, Sclerodactyly, and Telangiectasia) Syndrome
DIL	Drug-induced lupus erythematosus
MCTD	Mixed connective tissue disease
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
PM	Polymyositis
DM	Dermatomyositis
SLE	Systemic lupus erythematosus
SSc	Scleroderma (systemic sclerosis)
UCTD	Undifferentiated connective tissue disease
SjS	Sjogren syndrome
PM/SSc	Polymyositis/systemic scleroderma overlap

ANA Specific autoantibody	**Disease Association**
Double –stranded DNA (dsDNA)	SLE , DIL, juvenile idiopathic arthritis
Chromatin	SLE , DIL, juvenile idiopathic arthritis
Smith (Sm)	Most specific antibody in SLE, lupus nephritis
SSA	SLE, SjS, Skin involvement, Congenital Heart Block (CHB)
SSB	SLE, SjS, Skin involvement, Congenital Heart Block (CHB)
RNP	SLE, MCTD, RA, SSc, UCTD
SmithRNP (SmRNP)	SLE, MCTD, RA, SSc, UCTD
Scl-70	SSc
Jo-1	PM
Centromere	CREST
Ribosomal P	SLE, neuropsychiatric SLE

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