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## Immunodiagnostic Changes Follow Up

This is intended to clarify Immunodiagnostic testing changes that were effective December 11, 2021.

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## Changes to Extractable Nuclear Antibody Testing

Effective December 11, 2021, test code **ANASCN** was retired and replaced with Extractable Nuclear Antibodies (test code **ENA**).

This test is recommended **after** a positive ANA IFA screen (test code **ANA**) and collectively screens for the following extractable nuclear antibodies: Sjogren’s Antibody A (SSA), Sjogren’s Antibody B (SSB), Scl-70, JO1, Smith Antibodies (Sm), and Ribonucleoprotein (RNP). Please note that this panel is less-inclusive than the previous test code ANASCN.

If positive, the test will reflex and report the individual assays. Individual test components can also be ordered singly; please consult the online [Test Reference Manual](#) for test names, test codes and a suggested testing [algorithm](#).

Additionally, test code **SMRNP** has been retired and replaced with test codes **RNP** and **SM**.

### New Test Codes

Test code: **ENA**  
Description: Extractable Nuclear Antibodies

Test code: **RNP**  
Description: **RNP/SmRNP Antibodies**  
Consists of RNP and SmRNP antibodies

Test code: **SM**  
Description: **Smith Antibodies**  
Tests for Smith Antibodies only

These test changes align with the more focused testing algorithm recommended for better patient care and affordability.

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