

Syphilis Testing

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Due to the rapid increase of syphilis cases in the US recently we wanted to send a reminder to clients of our different test offerings.

Regional Pathology offers a screen and confirmatory option for Syphilis testing. To assist clients in selecting the correct testing, a guide is provided below along with a flowchart to visualize testing criteria.

Test Options:

Syphilis IgG, Screen w/ reflex to RPR (Test Code: [SYPIGG](#))- Screening test for suspected syphilis

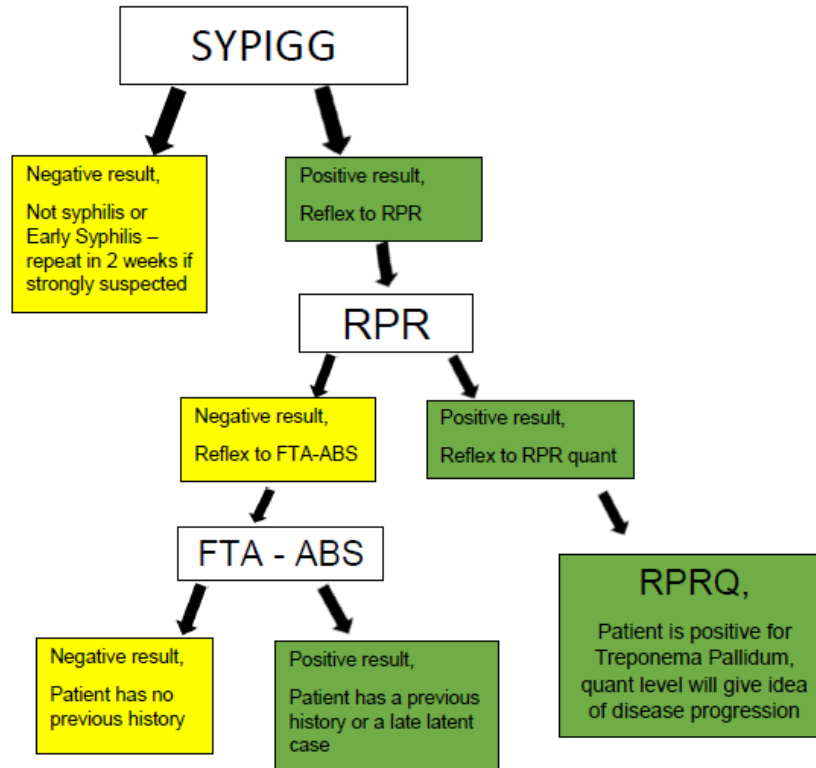
RPR, Confirmatory (Test Code: [RPR](#))—order if **ONE** of the conditions below are met:

- Positive treponemal test on the current sample (FDA approved testing such as Syphilis Antibody, TPPA, THA)
- Previously positive results for at least 2 of the following tests on the same sample:
 1. Treponemal screening test (FDA approved testing such as Syphilis Antibody, TP-PA, THA)
 2. RPR
 3. FTA
- Patient <6 months of age

Syphilis Testing Protocol

SYPIGG is the screening test and should always be performed first.

- If screening not yet performed, SYPIGG is correct test to order
- If screening was performed AND positive, include this information with the RPR order



- If the patient has a current or previous positive RPR No FTA will ever be performed
- NE State guidelines 2 of 3 positive results confirms active disease
- A previous Positive FTA will never be retested

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