



St. Joseph's/Candler Now Offers Advanced Tests Supporting Diagnosis of Autoimmune Diseases

New blood tests supplied by Thermo Fisher Scientific provide fast, accurate results to help clinicians develop more personalized treatment plans for patients

Savannah, Georgia – 05/26/2026 – St. Joseph's/Candler is pleased to announce that, beginning June 15, 2026, it will begin offering patients advanced tests supporting the diagnosis of autoimmune diseases supplied by Thermo Fisher Scientific.

EliA™ tests provide clinically relevant, accurate information to help healthcare providers make more informed treatment decisions. The test portfolio helps support the diagnosis of the most frequent systemic and organ-specific autoimmune diseases, including connective tissue diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, antiphospholipid syndrome, vasculitis and Goodpasture syndrome, celiac disease, autoimmune liver diseases, and autoimmune thyroid diseases.

The fully automated Thermo Fisher Scientific Phadia 250 platform, using a solid-phase fluorescence enzyme immunoassay (FEIA) method, allows for improved turnaround time for test results and a more comprehensive profile for faster and more accurate diagnosis of various autoimmune disease states.

Automated enzyme immunoassays (EIA) have become more widely used in recent years as they offer a comparable degree of sensitivity and a significantly higher specificity, specifically when compared to indirect immunofluorescence (IFA) in connective tissue disease testing. The implementation of an automated EIA platform will considerably reduce the number of false positives currently seen with IFA testing.

All assays will now be reported quantitatively with the qualitative interpretation outlined in each individual component result comment. Quantification will allow for patient monitoring throughout the clinical course of their condition.

Testing will continue to be performed on serum samples. Batch testing will be performed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The table included with this notification will provide the new test codes that will become available for ordering beginning on June 15, 2026. Additionally, order sets will be updated upon implementation.

St. Joseph's/Candler continually assess our testing volumes to find ways that we can optimize our testing menu in an effort to better serve you and your patients. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the laboratory at 912-819-8440, option 3.

Sincerely,

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Current Mnemonic	Current Test Name		New Test Mnemonic	New Test Name	Panel Components
TTGA	Tissue Transglutaminase Ab,IgA		TTGIGA	Tissue Transglutaminase, IgA	
TTG IGGA	Tissue Transglutaminase Ab,IgG		TTGIGG	Tissue Transglutaminase, IgG	
			DGIGA	Deamidated Gliadin, IgA	
GLIADINIGG	Deamin Gliadin Peptide Ab, IgG		DGIGG	Deamidated Gliadin, IgG	
TTGIGARFLX	TTG, IgA w/ Reflex to EMA IgA		TTGABS	TTG Abs, IgA/IgG	Includes: TTGIGA and TTGIGG
GLIABA	Gliadin Antibodies, IgA and IgG		GLIADINABS	Gliadin (DGP), IgA/IgG	Includes: DGIGA and DGIGG
CELIACA	Celiac Disease Reflex Cascade		CELIACPANEL	Celiac Panel	Includes: DGIGA, DGIGG, TTGIGA, TTGIGG
			RHEUMATOIDPAN	Rheumatoid Panel	Includes: CCPIGG, RFIGA, RFIGM
			RHEUMPANELANA	Rheumatic Disease Prof (w/ANA)	Includes: ANA Screen, dsDNA, CCPIGG, RFIGA, RFIGM If ANASCR is positive, reflexes to ENA: U1RNP, RNP70, SMDPS, CENP, SSARO, SSBLA, SCL70, JO1IGG If all ENA components negative, reflexes to tertiary ENA: RIBP, POLIII, RO52, RO60
CCPA	CCP Antibody, IgG		CCPIGG	CCP Antibody, IgG	
			RFIGA	Rheumatoid Factor, IgA	
			RFIGM	Rheumatoid Factor, IgM	
ANA A	ANA Hep-2,IgG by IFA		ANASCR	ANA Screen w/Reflex to ENA Ab	Includes: ANA Screen and dsDNA If positive, reflexes to ENA: U1RNP, RNP70, SMDPS, CENP, SSARO, SSBLA, SCL70, JO1IGG If all ENA components negative, reflexes to tertiary ENA: RIBP, POLIII, RO52, RO60

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ANAREFLEX	ANA, IgG w/Reflex by Pattern IFA		Order: ANA Screen w/Reflex to ENA Ab (ANASCR)		
DNA DSA	dsDNA Ab,IgG by ELISA w/reflex		DSDNAIGG	dsDNA IgG Antibodies	
			U1RNP	U1RNP	
			RNP70	RNP70	
SMA	Smith (ENA) Ab, IgG (Sm Ab)		SMDPS	Smith Antibody, IgG	
			SSARO	SS-A/Ro	
			SSBLA	SS-B/La	
CENA	Centromere Antibody, IgG		CENP	Centromere Antibody, IgG	
SCLA	Scleroderma (Scl-70) Ab, IgG		SCL70	Scl-70	
JO1A	Jo-1 Ab, IgG		JO1IGG	Jo-1	
RIBOSOMALA	Ribosomal P Protein Ab, IgG		RIBP	Rib-P	
RNAPOL3	RNA Polymerase III Ab, IgG		POLIII	Pol III	
			RO52	Ro-52	
			RO60	Ro-60	
AMPAA	Myeloperoxidase Ab, IgG (P-ANCA)		MPOAB	Myeloperoxidase Antibody	
APN3A	Serine Proteinase 3, IgG (ANCA)		PR3AB	Proteinase 3 Antibody	
ANCAA	ANCA Panel (Anti-neut Cyto Ab)		ANCAPANEL	ANCA Panel	Includes: MPOAB and PR3AB
ANCAREFLEX	ANCA w/ Reflex to Titer & Abs		Order ANCA Panel (ANCAPANEL)		
GBMA	Glom Base Mem,IgG (GBM by MBA)		GBMAB	Glomerular Basement Membrane	
MITABSA	Mitochondrial (M2) Ab, IgG		AMAM2	Mitochondrial M2 Ab	

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TGAA	Thyroglobulin Antibody		TGAB	Thyroglobulin Antibody	
ATPOA	Thyroid Peroxidase (TPO) Ab		TPOAB	Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody	
THYROIDA	Thyroid Autoantibodies		THYROIDAUTOABS	Thyroid Autoantibodies	Includes: TGAB and TPOAB
			APLSPANEL	Antiphospholipid (APLS) Panel	Includes: CARIGAAB, CARIGGAB, CARIGMAB, B2GIGA, B2GIGG, B2GIGM
CAR IGGA	Cardiolipin Antibody IgG		CARIGGAB	Cardiolipin IgG	
			CARIGMAB	Cardiolipin IgM	
			CARIGAAB	Cardiolipin IgA	
CAR ABSA	Cardiolipin Abs IgA,IgG,IgM		CARABS	Cardiolipin Abs, IgA/IgG/IgM	Includes: CARIGAAB, CARIGGAB, CARIGMAB,
CARIGGMA	Cardiolipin Abs IgG and IgM		Order: Cardiolipin Abs, IgA/IgG/IgM (CARABS)		
			B2GIGG	B-2 Glycoprotein IgG	
			B2GIGM	B-2 Glycoprotein IgM	
B2GP1IGA	B2Glycoprotein 1, IgA Ab		B2GIGA	B-2 Glycoprotein IgA	
B2 GLYCO ABSA	Beta 2 Glycoprotein 1 Abs,GMA		B2GLYCOABS	B-2 Glycoprotein Abs, IgA/G/M	Includes: B2GIGA, B2GIGG, B2GIGM