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Screening Test	Reflex Testing (if Syphilis Antibody Reactive)		Suggestive Confirmatory test (Send Out)	Interpretations
	RPR	TPLA	LIA (Line Immunoassay)	
Syphilis Tp Ab (Syphilis Antibody)				
NR	-	-	-	No serological evidence of current or past infection. If Primary syphilis is suspected, a repeat sample is suggested in approx. 4 weeks
R	R	R	-	Most likely interpretations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active infectious syphilis (primary, secondary, or early latent) Latent or treated syphilis
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R	NR	NR	NR	Most likely interpretations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early syphilis Previously treated syphilis Biological false positive Suggest: repeat testing in 2 to 4 weeks. If no changes, likely biological false positive

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