Nonreactive

No serological evidence of infection with *T. pallidum* (early primary syphilis cannot be excluded). Retest in 2-4 weeks if syphilis is clinically suspected.

Treponema Pallidum Antibody (TP-PA)

TP-PA Negative

Syphilis Unlikely If at risk, repeat algorithm in several weeks.

TP-PA Positive

Syphilis (past or present)

Positive or Equivocal

Syphilis Reagin (non-treponemal, RPR)

Nonreactive

Reactive
Titer will be performed

Presumptive evidence of current infection (or inadequately treated infection, persistent infection, or reinfection). Clinical correlation with patient symptoms and treatment history necessary for test interpretation. False-positive results cannot be excluded.

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