

# What is Vectra and why is my health care provider ordering this test?

## **Vectra Definition:**

*Vectra is an advanced blood test that objectively measures inflammation caused by rheumatoid arthritis. It is just one of many lab tests that your health care provider may order to help determine if your RA is adequately controlled on your current treatment plan.*

## **MEASURING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA) DISEASE ACTIVITY AND INFLAMMATION**

Vectra measures 12 biomarkers found in your blood that are associated with rheumatoid arthritis and affect the level of RA inflammation in your body.

RA is more than just pain and joint damage. RA inflammation can damage organs like the heart and put you at risk for cardiovascular disease. The goal of treatment is to protect you from damage caused by RA inflammation.

## **KNOW YOUR SCORE**

Your Vectra score is personalized for you. Because people tend to have higher or lower levels of inflammation based on their age, gender, and level of body fat, each patient's score is adjusted to account for this. This means that your score accurately reflects the RA inflammation you are experiencing.

Your Vectra score is reported on a scale from 1 to 100 and reveals the severity of your RA, how well your current treatment is working, and is the best predictor of future joint damage. Patients with scores in the low range are at a lower risk for future joint damage, while patients in the high and moderate categories are considered to have uncontrolled inflammation and may require a treatment change.

Multiple Vectra scores over time can help track RA inflammation and disease activity and can be used to help guide treatment decisions. When your Vectra score goes up or down by 8 or more units that means your level of inflammation has changed.

Utilizing a molecular assessment, like Vectra, along with your own assessment and your health care provider's assessment provides the most comprehensive view of your rheumatoid arthritis inflammation.

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