What is Vectra® DA?

The more you and your doctor know about your RA, the better you can manage it

- Vectra DA is an advanced blood test for adults with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). It helps you and your doctor better understand your RA disease activity.
- Vectra DA gives a more complete look at your RA disease activity by measuring 12 markers of RA disease activity. Some other tests, such as C-reactive protein (CRP) and erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR or “sed rate”), only measure one marker.
- Vectra DA scores can help track your disease activity over time with an objective measure that complements your doctor’s exam and your own assessment.
- Vectra DA may help identify your risk of future joint damage.
- Medicare fully covers Vectra DA with no copayment* or deductible. Crescendo Bioscience’s goal is to ensure that cost is not a barrier for anyone with RA who wants a Vectra DA test – call 1-877-RHEUMDX (1-877-743-8639) to learn about financial assistance. See page 3 of this document for more information.

Ask your doctor about ordering Vectra DA for you

*Medicare Advantage plans may require a copay.

How does Vectra® DA measure my RA disease activity?

- Vectra DA detects what’s going on below the surface by assessing multiple biological pathways that drive RA disease. Vectra DA provides information about RA that goes beyond physical symptoms.
- Vectra DA measures the levels of 12 markers in your blood, called “biomarkers,” that have been linked to RA inflammation.
- The 12 biomarkers are combined into a single score between 1 and 100 that indicates your current level of RA disease activity.
- Vectra DA now reports a Minimal Important Difference (MID) from one score to the next so you know if the change in your score is significant.
- The single score generated by Vectra DA classifies RA into low, moderate, and high disease activity – the lower the score, the better.

### Vectra DA score Level of disease activity

- 45 to 100: high
- 30 to 44: moderate
- 1 to 29: low

Vectra DA is validated for use in adults diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Test results are intended to aid in the assessment of disease activity in RA patients when used in conjunction with standard clinical assessment. This test is not intended or validated to diagnose RA.
**How is my Vectra® DA score reported?**

- Your doctor receives a test report with a number between 1 and 100 that represents your Vectra DA score.
- Vectra DA can be used to measure the level of RA disease activity at a specific point in time.
- The Vectra DA score is now personalized for your age, gender and adiposity to better inform treatment decisions.

**What makes Vectra® DA different from other assessments?**

- In the past, your doctor may have used tests such as CRP or ESR to assess your RA disease activity. These measures only look at a single marker of inflammation. Vectra DA is different. It measures 12 biomarkers associated with RA disease activity.
- The Vectra DA score is now adjusted for your age, gender and adiposity.
- Patients with high Vectra DA scores have been shown to be at a higher risk for joint damage than patients with low or moderate Vectra DA scores.
- Vectra DA scores have identified patients with a high risk of future joint damage better than CRP or ESR.
- Knowing your risk for joint damage can help you and your doctor assess the treatment plan that's right for you.

**How can I get Vectra® DA?**

- Follow these simple steps to get your Vectra DA test:
  - **Step 1:** Your doctor orders a Vectra DA test for you.
  - **Step 2:** One tube of blood is collected at your doctor's office, a local lab, a LabCorp* patient service center, or your home by a certified professional. Talk to your doctor about having it drawn at the same time as your other lab tests.
  - **Step 3:** Your blood sample is sent to our lab to conduct the Vectra DA test.
  - **Step 4:** Your doctor receives your Vectra DA test report in approximately 5-7 calendar days.
  - **Step 5:** Access your test result and see your score at My.VectraDA.com. My.VectraDA.com is an online portal where you have direct access to your Vectra DA results and history all in one place.

* Crescendo Bioscience is solely responsible for all billing associated with Vectra DA.

If you have an infection, such as the flu, or have had a recent vaccination, please let your doctor know before having blood drawn for your Vectra DA score.

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**Vectra DA in action**

Stacie is a former educator and assistant principal who discovered later in life that she had RA. She thought many of her symptoms were attributable to aging, but when she began researching, she realized many "little" things that had been bothering her were actually due to RA. "I work closely with my team of doctors, communicating even the 'little' things, to ensure that I am doing everything I can to live a full life – the relationship you forge with your rheumatologist is key to your wellness and wellbeing."

Hear more at [youtube.com/CrescendoBioscience](http://youtube.com/CrescendoBioscience)
**How often should I get Vectra® DA?**

- An initial Vectra DA test can be taken at any point following your diagnosis with RA. This initial test serves as your “baseline” score. Future scores can then be compared to determine any change in your RA disease activity.

- Many doctors and patients assess disease activity with Vectra DA to obtain a baseline before making a change in treatment. Then a few months afterwards they can use Vectra DA again to measure the impact that changing treatment had on your disease activity.

- Your doctor may ask you to have your blood drawn for the test a couple of weeks before your visit so you can discuss the results together.

- How often you get Vectra DA depends on your unique situation. You and your doctor should decide this together.

**What should I know about insurance coverage for Vectra® DA?**

**Medicare**

- Medicare fully covers Vectra DA for at least two tests per year with no copayment or deductible. Medicare Advantage plans may require a copay.

**Private Insurance**

- If you have private insurance and cannot afford the copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs related to the test, you may be eligible for assistance through our CARE program. Please see requirement information listed on the right.

- You may receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from your insurance company, a statement provided regarding the claim we submitted for the test. Crescendo Bioscience may be identified as the test provider on the EOB. Please note: the EOB is not a bill. The balance due that is shown on an EOB may not accurately reflect the actual amount you owe, as it does not indicate financial assistance you may receive or other adjustments to what you owe.

- If you owe anything, Crescendo Bioscience will bill you directly. The insurance company will not send you a bill for Vectra DA.

**Uninsured**

- If you do not have insurance, you may be eligible for assistance through our CARE program. Please see requirement information listed to the right.

**How much will Vectra® DA cost me?**

**The Crescendo Bioscience Commitment**

- At Crescendo Bioscience, we may provide reimbursement support to help ensure you have access to Vectra DA through our Crescendo Access & Reimbursement Essentials (CARE) program.

**Applying for Financial Assistance Is Easy**

- Contact Crescendo Bioscience to see if you qualify for financial assistance.

Please call 1-877-RHEUMDX (1-877-743-8639) from 6 AM to 5 PM PST, Monday through Friday or visit vectrada.com/patients/insurance

- You may receive the test at no cost, provided the following requirements are met:
  - Must be a US citizen or legal resident
  - Have been diagnosed with RA
  - Meet household income requirements

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**myVectra**

- myVectra ™ is a portal where patients have direct access to their Vectra® DA results and history all in one place!

- my.vectrada.com
Talk to your doctor about Vectra® DA

- Like most other lab tests, Vectra DA must be ordered by your doctor. Review the steps below to help prepare for a discussion with your doctor.

Get Your Results

- myVectra™ lets you directly access your Vectra DA scores and download reports.
- Register at my.VectraDA.com (this requires personal information to ensure we identify you and protect your privacy).
- Will ask for your information to match with our records.
- After registering it may take between 1-8 days to get your results the first time.
- You can get a copy of your report directly via my.VectraDA.com.
- You can receive email notifications of new results.

Track Your Symptoms

- myRA® is a FREE mobile app that you can use to track the symptoms of your RA between visits with your doctor. You can easily share the information with your doctor.
- Track your joint pain, morning stiffness, and fatigue.
- Record your daily functioning.
- Generate a visual summary of your data over time.
- Communicate with your doctor about your RA.
- Learn more at www.TrackMyRA.com.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR SCORE?

The advanced blood test that helps you and your doctor better understand your RA disease activity with a single score.

Almost 400,000 patients with RA have been tested with Vectra DA.

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