

What is the role of Cypress Bioscience?

Cypress Bioscience is a company dedicated to helping patients manage conditions that can cause pain and poor quality of life. Cypress Bioscience provides the Avise MCVSM test to help your doctor diagnose and monitor your condition. The results from this test will help determine the best treatment approach for your arthritis.

Will my insurance cover the Avise MCV test? And who bills my insurance?

Laboratory blood tests such as Avise MCV are covered by most insurance plans. Cypress Bioscience will bill the insurance company on your behalf if your complete insurance information is provided by your doctor's office. Cypress will bill you for patient co-payments, deductibles, or share of costs if required by your plan.

If you have any questions about your insurance coverage for Avise MCV, please contact the Cypress Bioscience payment assistance staff at **888.452.1522**.



Contact Cypress Bioscience with any questions at **888.452.1522** or www.avisetest.com



Information for Patients Concerned About Arthritis

A test to help your doctor with diagnosis



Now you can find out if you have rheumatoid arthritis and how aggressively to treat it.

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Why did my doctor order the Avise MCVSM test for me?

Your physician may have ordered the Avise MCV test if you have or are suspected of having rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

The Avise MCV test is a specialized lab blood test that can help accurately diagnose RA. In addition, Avise MCV has been shown to be useful in identifying those individuals who might be prone to more aggressive RA. With results from the Avise MCV test, your doctor has a better chance of diagnosing RA and deciding the appropriate treatment course to minimize long-term joint damage.



How will the Avise MCV test help my physician treat me?

If you are diagnosed with RA, Avise MCV can also help your doctor consider how your RA should be treated. Research has shown that early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of RA are important in preventing long term joint and bone damage. The Avise MCV test will tell your physician if you have RA, and will also help determine a course of therapy that is right for you.



What is rheumatoid arthritis?

Rheumatoid arthritis is a common illness that is characterized by prolonged periods of stiffness and pain in the joints. This pain is caused by irritation and swelling of the tissue that lines your joints. Over time, the problem can harm cartilage, bone, and surrounding tissue. Early diagnosis and appropriate treatment can limit the impact of RA.

What is the Avise MCV testing process?

Avise MCV is a blood test. Your doctor will give you instructions on how to get the test performed. In some cases, your sample will be collected at your doctor's office; in other cases, you will need to visit a lab to have your sample drawn. All blood samples are sent to Cypress Bioscience in San Diego, California, for processing.



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