

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 PGSM test to help your doctor make important decisions about your treatment. The results from this test will help determine the best treatment approach for your rheumatoid arthritis.

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

Laboratory blood tests such as Avise PG 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 PG, please contact the Cypress Bioscience payment assistance staff at **888.452.1522**.



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Information for Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients Taking Methotrexate

A test to help optimize your methotrexate treatment



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

Your physician may have ordered the Avise PG test if you have been taking methotrexate and are not getting enough relief from your symptoms. The Avise PG test is a specialized blood test that measures how well your body metabolizes methotrexate. With results from the Avise PG test, your doctor can decide whether you're on the right dose of methotrexate, whether you just need to give it more time to work, or if other treatment options need to be considered.



How does methotrexate work in treating the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis?

Methotrexate is a widely used medication for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and may be prescribed alone or in combination with other therapies. Methotrexate can provide long-term relief of RA symptoms and help reduce or avoid permanent joint damage.

The Avise PG test measures the amount of methotrexate that is active in your body. By measuring the amount of active drug, your physician can ensure that you are receiving the maximum benefit from methotrexate before making changes to your treatment plan.



How long does it usually take for methotrexate to start working?

The benefits of methotrexate are generally noticeable 6 to 8 weeks after the first dose is taken, but it can take many more months before the full benefits are experienced. To ensure that the medicine is working, it is important to follow your doctor's instructions, which means taking your medicine on time and at the prescribed dose.

What is the Avise PG testing process?

Avise PG is a blood test that measures the amount of active medication in your blood. 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.

