



# SCC-LIS\_TIP OF THE WEEK

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TOPIC: CRP\ESR analysis for Temporal Arteritis	ISSUE DATE: 28June2018
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## TOPIC/QUESTION:

I have a clinical diagnosis of questionable temporal arteritis – how do I order the CRP and ESR tests together?

## ANSWER/TIP:

As per the Choosing Wisely NWT instruction, a clinical diagnosis of temporal arteritis warrants the testing of both ESR and CRP. In order to bypass the rule restricting the ordering of ESR and CRP concurrently, a test code of TART – Temporal Arteritis Investigation, has been created.

Possible Scenarios:

1. If the requisition states “Temporal Arteritis” as Clinical Info – order test code: TART (depending on your site of ordering – test code that populates may actually be TARTS)

T Ord	T Ind	Result	FI	Flags	M	Prev Res	Prev Date	C	Status	Tech	DateV	TimeV	TechV
1	TARTS	CRP				8.0	2018-02-27						
2	TARTS	ESRA				5	2018-06-19						

2. Practitioner calls after they receive the report to indicate patient does have clinical diagnosis of Temporal Arteritis

- a. Cancel the ESRNO test with a cancellation reason indicating the physician who phoned and the diagnosis of temporal arteritis was given.
- b. Order TART test code. Verified results for CRP will move to the new test code but ESR will order

T Ord	T Ind	Result	FI	Flags	M	Prev Res	Prev Date	C	Status	Tech	DateV	TimeV	TechV
1	TARTS	CRP				56.0	2018-06-28					10:51	ALD
2	TARTS	ESRA				5	2018-06-19						
3	ESRNO	ESRNO				.TCANC1	NOPE! Not ev				2018-06-28	10:54	ALD