

Rheumatology Associates of Houston

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Diagnostic Testing Patient Agreement

Diagnostic lab work will usually be performed on your initial visit. Lab work to follow your disease or to monitor your medications may also be performed on your follow up visits. You may also be asked to return for labs without a physician visit. Medications that are prescribed can have toxic side effects, and guidelines exist for monitoring these medications. These guidelines will be discussed on an individual basis. We reserve the right to deny refills on your medications if compliance with these labs is not achieved.

All results of labs, normal or abnormal, ordered by Rheumatology Associates of Houston, will be called to you by our staff usually within two weeks. We ask that you contact our office during business hours if you have not received a call or letter within two weeks of having your labs drawn. Some studies may take longer, but we still ask that you call after two weeks.

Imaging and other diagnostic studies are also ordered frequently. These studies are ordered at several different locations for insurance purposes and often for the convenience of proximity to your work or home. The turnaround time for receiving these results is often variable. Again, you will receive a call or letter with results once we receive them. We ask that you contact our office during business hours if you have not received a call within two weeks, so that our staff can investigate the delay. Thank you for your cooperation.

I agree to assume the responsibilities as stated above.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____