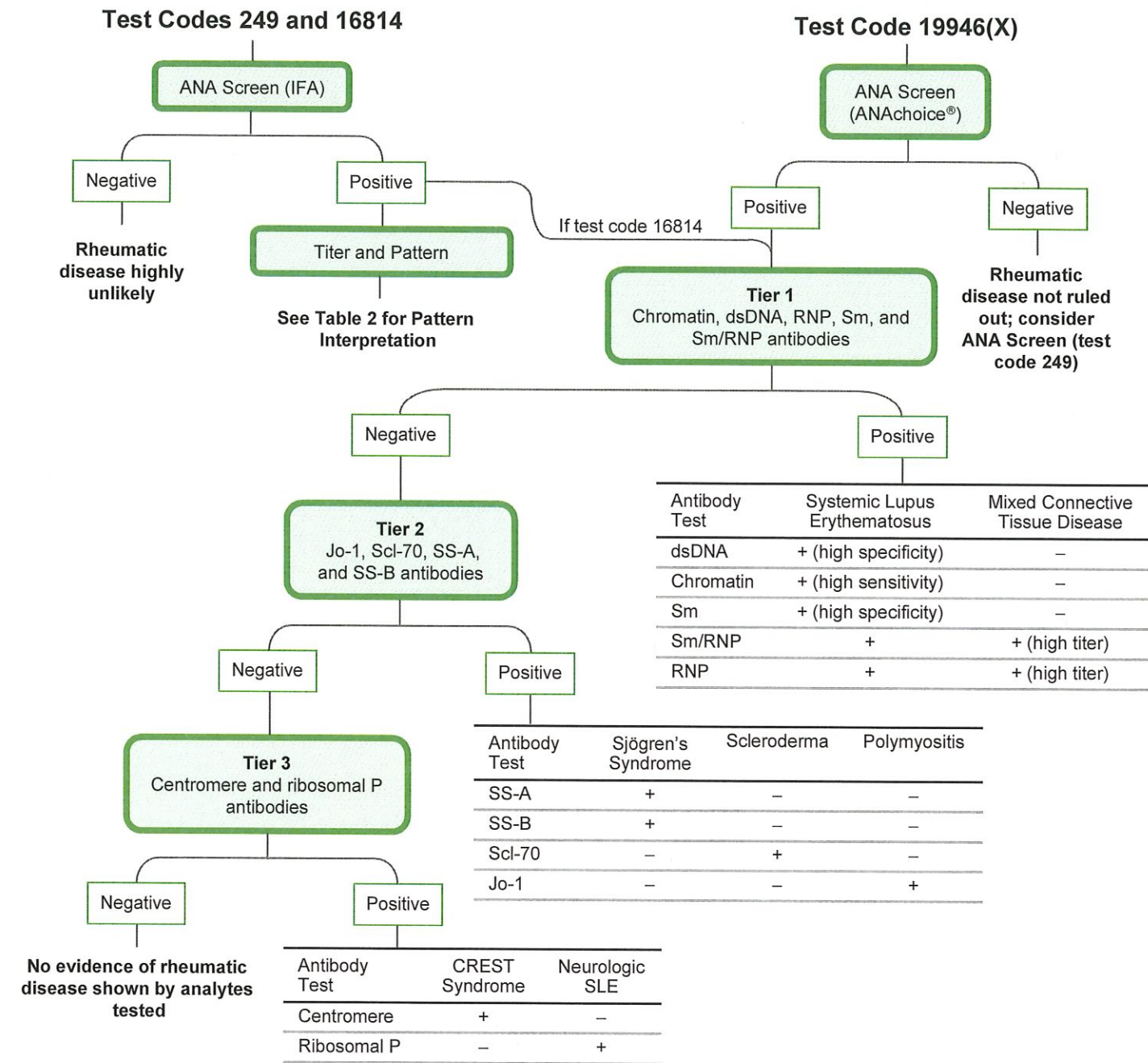


Figure. Antibody Testing Cascade for Screening and Diagnosis of Patients with Suspected Rheumatic Disease



The acronym CREST refers to a syndrome defined by presence of calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, esophageal dysmotility, sclerodactyly, and telangiectasia. DsDNA indicates double-stranded DNA; Sm/RNP antibody, Smith/ribonucleoprotein antibody; SS-A and -B antibodies, Sjögren's A and B antibodies; Scl-70 antibody, scleroderma (topoisomerase I) antibody; Jo-1 antibody, histidyl-tRNA synthetase antibody; and SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus.

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