

Thyroid Cascading Reflex

CPT Code:

Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH): 84443

Thyroxine (T4), Free: 84439 (if reflexed)

Thyroid Peroxidase Antibodies (TPO): 86376 (if reflexed)

Triiodothyronine (T3), Free: 84481 (if reflexed)

Order Code: 1394

Tests Included: The Thyroid Cascading Reflex begins with a TSH. If the TSH result is abnormal, T4, Free will be performed at an additional charge (CPT Code: 84439). If the TSH is elevated and the T4, Free is either normal or low, TPO Antibodies will be performed at an additional charge (CPT Code: 86376). If the TSH is low and the T4, Free is either normal or low, T3, Free will be performed at an additional charge (CPT Code: 84481).



ABN Requirement: No

Specimen: Serum

Volume: 4.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 2.0 mL

Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST)

Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

Note: This assay should only be ordered on patients 4 years of age or older. Orders on patients younger than 4 years of age will only have a TSH performed.

Additional Information: Serum TSH levels exhibit a diurnal variation with the peak occurring during the night. The lowest levels occur between 10 AM and 4 PM and can reach 50% of the peak. Specimens should not be taken from patients receiving therapy with high biotin doses (>5 mg/day) until at least 8 hours

following the last dose.

Transport: Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): Not Acceptable

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days

Frozen (-20°C): 30 days

Causes for Rejection: Specimens other than serum; improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; moderate or gross hemolysis; samples which are heat-inactivated; samples stabilized with azide

Methodology: Electrochemiluminescence Immunoassay (ECLIA)

Turn Around Time: 1 to 5 days

Reference Range(s) and/or Risk Range(s): See Laboratory Report or individual tests for reference range and/or risk range information

Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH):

<https://www.clevelandheartlab.com/tests/thyroid-stimulating-hormone/>

Thyroxine (T4), Free:

<https://www.clevelandheartlab.com/tests/thyroxine-free/>

Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPO):

<https://www.clevelandheartlab.com/tests/thyroid-peroxidase-antibody/>

Triiodothyronine (T3), Free:

<https://www.clevelandheartlab.com/tests/triiodothyronine-t3-free/>

Clinical Significance: The Thyroid Cascading Reflex is intended to aid physicians in the diagnosis of common adult thyroid disorders. The initial results of a TSH will determine further reflex orders of Free T4, TPO Antibodies, and Free T3 and will provide an interpretation based upon the results of the reflexed

tests.

Limitations: The presence of autoantibodies may induce high molecular weight complexes (macro-TSH) which may cause unexpected high values of TSH. In rare cases, interference due to extremely high titers of antibodies to analyte-specific antibodies, streptavidin, or ruthenium can occur.

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