

# Lakeland Laboratory

August 1, 2016

## DISCONTINUATION OF TOTAL T4 AND T3 UPTAKE TESTING

Total T4 and T3 Uptake testing will be discontinued at Lakeland Laboratory as of August 1, 2016.

### National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edit:

Free T4 [CPT code 84439] is generally considered to be a better measure of the hypothyroid or hyperthyroid state. If Free T4 is measured, it is not considered appropriate to measure Total T4 (CPT code 84436) or T3 Uptake (CPT code 88479). NCCI does not permit payment of CPT codes 84436 or 88479 with CPT code 84439.

### From the American Thyroid Association:

“Combining the TSH test with the FT4 accurately determines how the thyroid gland is functioning”.

The recommended testing algorithm for routine thyroid function analysis at the Lakeland Laboratory is the Thyroid Function Cascade test.

ORDERING INFORMATION			
Active Testing	Discontinued Testing		
<b>Thyroid Test Cascade</b> (Thyroid Function Cascade) EPIC Code: <b>LAB2458</b> LIS Code: <b>TFC</b>	<b>Total T4</b> EPIC Code: <b>LAB126</b> LIS Code: <b>T4</b>	<b>T3 Uptake</b> EPIC Code: <b>LAB135</b> LIS Code: <b>T3U</b>	<b>Free Thyroxine, Index</b> EPIC Code: <b>LAB2240</b> LIS Code: <b>T7R</b>

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