

## *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum*

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Subject: **Ordering of Thyroglobulin and Thyroglobulin Antibodies**

**Please be advised that Thyroglobulin and Thyroglobulin Antibodies together form a care set in our laboratory informatics system, which can be ordered by requesting only Thyroglobulin.**

The term 'Anti-Tg' that is sometimes used by requestors to order Thyroglobulin Antibodies may be misinterpreted as Anti-TTg (anti-transglutaminase antibodies), resulting in the incorrect test being performed.

To avoid this error ***please do not use 'Anti-Tg' to request thyroglobulin antibodies.*** Instead, please write 'Thyroglobulin' clearly on the requisition form.

We would like to remind our users that the sole purpose of testing for thyroglobulin and thyroglobulin antibodies is ***to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment for certain thyroid cancers and to monitor for recurrence.*** For any other thyroid condition, they have no proven clinical value.

If you have further questions about this issue, please contact Dr. Manal Elnenaï at 902-473-5194.