

Thyroid Function Cascade

This cascade is for the initial screening and diagnosis of thyroid disease in non-hospitalized patients. Testing follows an algorithmic approach beginning with thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH). Further tests are performed automatically, at an additional charge, as illustrated on the flowchart below.

The screening cascade is not designed for monitoring patients receiving thyroid replacement therapy. For monitoring such patients, TSH should be followed 6-8 weeks after a dose change and every 6-12 months in patients on stable doses of thyroid replacement therapy.

