

## THYROGLOBULIN AB (ANTIBODIES) TEST

### **DESCRIPTION**

Thyroglobulin is produced by normal or cancerous thyroid cells. When a person develops an autoimmune disease that attacks the thyroid, the body produces thyroglobulin antibodies that damage the thyroid. The test can be used to distinguish an autoimmune thyroid disease from other thyroid diseases, for example, to find the causes of goiter or high or low thyroid hormone levels.

### **WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?**

These symptoms may be due to hypo- or hyperthyroidism. The Thyroglobulin AB test is normally used to diagnose thyroid autoimmune diseases that are causing thyroid symptoms, such as Graves disease, Hashimoto thyroiditis or thyroid cancer. It may also be used when an existing non-thyroid autoimmune disorder may be causing symptoms due to thyroid problems. Symptoms that may indicate you should have your thyroid function checked include:

Unexplained weight loss or gain

Hair loss

Fatigue

Difficulty sleeping

Anxiety, tremors or rapid heart rate

Protruding eyes

Goiter (enlarged thyroid gland)

### **AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?**

No. This test does not require fasting.

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