

Seascope Health Alliance

Thyroid Studies

Thyroid Testing:

Laboratory evaluation of thyroid function has become more scientifically defined. Tests can be done with increased specificity, thereby reducing the number of tests needed to diagnose and follow treatment of most thyroid disease.

Keeping this in mind, Medicare does not consider it medically necessary when ordering:

T3 Uptake and a T3 Total *simultaneously*

or

Free T4 or T4 *simultaneously*

Therefore if a T3 Uptake and T3 Total are ordered simultaneously, only the T3 Total will be performed. In addition when a Free T4 and T4 are ordered simultaneously only a Free T4 will be performed.

Thank you for your cooperation and please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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