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Oconee Memorial Lab Team Test

## Thyroid Profile Test

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Your doctor has sent you for a thyroid profile test. This test also is called a thyroid panel or thyroid function test.

### What is the thyroid and what does it do?

The thyroid gland is in the front of the neck, just below the Adam's apple. It makes a hormone that helps regulate the body's metabolism.

### What does the test measure?

This test measures hormone levels in the blood, including:

- TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone)
- Free T4 (thyroxine)

### How are specimens collected?

A small sample of your blood taken will be taken.

### What should I do before the test?

Ask your doctor or laboratory staff if you need to do anything to prepare for this test.

### What will the test show?

The results show if your thyroid hormone level is low, normal or high. The test also is used to monitor patients taking hormone replacement medicine.

### What do my test results mean?

Test results may be outside of normal ranges for many reasons. Please discuss all lab results with your doctor.

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