



Laboratory Bulletin

TSH receptor antibody test temporary service change

Effective date	March 16, 2026
Test affected	TSH receptor antibody test (TSHRA)
Change of service	The TSHRA test will be performed out of province by an alternative method until further notice, estimated duration of change is 6-8 weeks.
Background	The Roche TSHRA test reagents used at St. Paul's Hospital are unavailable due to a sudden global supply shortage. The time to return of service is not yet clear, with current estimates of mid-April.
Alternative testing	Alternative testing has been arranged with an out of province provider. Ordering physicians should carefully review order comments to understand the reference interval and method used for reported results. Results reported from one method are not comparable with results from another. In general, TSHRA testing is not indicated for repeated monitoring or trending of results.
Outstanding orders	Currently pending requests for TSHRA will be fulfilled as outlined above. Turn around times may be increased due to transit times. No samples have been discarded.
Questions?	Please contact St. Paul's Hospital Lab with any questions (604-682-2344 or janet.simons@phc.ca).

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