

Health Care Provider Bulletin

LifeLabs Service Updates 20-Jan-2026

Changes to Thyrotropin Receptor Antibody (TRAb) Testing

Dear Health Care Providers,

We're pleased to share that effective February 23, 2026, Thyrotropin Receptor Antibody (TRAb) testing will be available in-house in Ontario.

	Former	New
Methodology	Immunoassay; B.R.A.H.M.S. Kryptor	Abbott Alinity I – Chemiluminescent Microparticle immunoassay (CMIA) technology
TAT	18 days	3 days
Reference Ranges	Normal: <1.0 IU/L Borderline: 1.0 - 2.0 IU/L Elevated: >2.0 IU/L	All ages/either sex: < 3.10 IU/L
Specimen Handling	Frozen sample collected from Red Top Tube	Frozen sample collected from SST or Red Top Tube

Transitional Testing Period

- To support clinical continuity, LifeLabs will offer TRAb Panel testing (LifeLabs in-house method plus the prior methodology) for a period of six (6) months following implementation.
- While numerical values may differ between methods, clinical interpretation (i.e., negative or positive) remains equivalent. To request dual testing during the transition, please indicate "TRAb Panel" or "TRAb Dual Testing" in the "Other" section of the OHIP requisition.
- Following this six (6) months transition period, in-house testing will become the sole testing pathway for TRAb.

For any questions, please contact LifeLabs Customer Care Center 1-877-849-3637.

Thank you,

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