



## **Test Update 721**

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Effective July 21, 2020, MLabs will change the reference range for Thyroglobulin Mass Spectrometry (TGMS) testing per Mayo Medical Laboratories.

**Current Reference Range**

**New Reference Range**

Healthy individuals with intact, functioning thyroid: Healthy individuals with intact, functioning thyroid:  
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Decision levels for thyroid cancer patients, who are not completely athyrotic (ie, patient has some remnant normal thyroid tissue), have not been established, but are likely to be somewhat higher: remnant normal thyroid tissue contributes to serum Tg concentrations **0.2**-1.0 ng/mL per gram of remnant tissue, depending on the thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) level.

Tg <0.5 ng/mL: Thyroglobulin (Tg) levels must be interpreted in the context of TSH levels, serial Tg measurements, and radioiodine ablation status.

Tg **<0.2** ng/mL: Tg levels must be interpreted in the context of TSH levels, serial Tg measurements, and radioiodine ablation status.

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Tg > or =0.5 ng/mL to 2.0 ng/mL: Thyroglobulin (Tg) levels must be interpreted in the context of TSH levels, serial Tg measurements, and radioiodine ablation status. Tg levels of 0.5-2.0 ng/mL in athyrotic individuals on suppressive therapy indicate a low risk of clinically detectable recurrent papillary/follicular thyroid cancer.

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