

**Reporting Title:** TSH, Sensitive, S  
**Performing Location:** Rochester

**Ordering Guidance:**  
This is a standalone test for sensitive thyrotropin (s-TSH; formerly thyroid-stimulating hormone).

If a cascade approach is preferred, order THSCM / Thyroid Function Cascade, Serum, which utilizes a cascaded testing procedure to efficiently evaluate and monitor functional thyroid status. Serum s-TSH is the first-line test and when the s-TSH result is abnormal, appropriate follow-up tests will automatically be performed.

**Specimen Requirements:**  
**Collection Container/Tube:**  
**Preferred:** Serum gel  
**Acceptable:** Red top  
**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial  
**Specimen Volume:** 0.6 mL

- Collection Instructions:**
- Serum gel tubes should be centrifuged within 2 hours of collection.
  - Red-top tubes should be centrifuged, and the serum aliquoted into a plastic vial within 2 hours of collection.

**Forms:**  
If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Renal Diagnostics Test Request](#) (T830) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Serum	Ambient	7 days	
	Refrigerated (preferred)	7 days	
	Frozen	30 days	

**Result Codes:**

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
STSH	TSH, Sensitive, S	Numeric	mIU/L	11579-0

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

**Supplemental Report:**  
No

**CPT Code Information:**  
84443

**Reference Values:**  
0-5 days: 0.7-15.2 mIU/L

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6 days-2 months: 0.7-11.0 mIU/L

3-11 months: 0.7-8.4 mIU/L

1-5 years: 0.7-6.0 mIU/L

6-10 years: 0.6-4.8 mIU/L

11-19 years: 0.5-4.3 mIU/L

> or =20 years: 0.3-4.2 mIU/L

For SI unit Reference Values, see <https://www.mayocliniclabs.com/order-tests/si-unit-conversion.html>