

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING**

<b>XX</b>	<b>PROFILE</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>
XX	Thyroid Antibody, D8T (20124)	If the patient is already on thyroid medication the blood should be drawn 4-6 hours after giving thyroid medication. Collect 3 to 5 mL of blood. Add to red top tube or serum separator tube (SST). Allow to clot, centrifuge and separate serum. Transfer serum to empty red top or plastic tube. <b>DO NOT SEND UNSEPARATED BLOOD.</b> 1.0 mL serum is <b>required</b> for the Thyroid Antibody Profile. Test includes T3, T4, free T3, free T4, T3 autoantibodies and T4 autoantibodies.
XX	Add-On TgAA	<u>Note:</u> Good for genetic screening. Send 0.5 mL separated serum.
OPTIONAL	OFA Panel	Send 1.0 ml of separated serum.

**SEND the appropriate amount of serum in 1 tube .**

XX	Whole blood for grant	Collect 2 – 3 smaller EDTA, with a total of 7 ml of blood. No further processing is required.
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- Wrap the samples to protect them. Ship **chilled** (Do not freeze) with cold packs **OVERNIGHT** so that samples arrive **Monday – Saturday**, excluding Holidays.
- Ship samples to:

**HEMOPET**

**11330 Markon Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841**

- **HEMOLIFE** will submit samples to ANTECH for analysis and Dr. Dodds will follow up by issuing reports and interpretations. Any questions please call (714) 891-2022 (blood bank) or fax (714) 891-2123.