



Thyroid Nodule and ThyroSeq® Testing

ThyroSeq is a test used to help determine whether a lump or nodule in your thyroid is benign or malignant. Most thyroid nodules are non-cancerous or benign but the only way to be certain is to examine the cells in the nodule. This is done by performing a fine needle aspiration or FNA.

What is an FNA?

A fine needle aspiration (FNA) is a simple biopsy procedure to collect cells from the nodule and is the standard method to evaluate a thyroid nodule. During the FNA, your physician will use a very small needle to collect the cells. It should only take a few minutes and is usually no more painful than a pinch.

What happens after the FNA?

Your FNA sample is sent to a cytopathologist (a physician who diagnoses diseases by examining cells) for review. If the cytopathologist determines that your nodule is benign or non-cancerous, your assessment is complete and your doctor will contact you with your results and recommended treatment plan.

Sometimes the cytopathologist is not able to make a definitive diagnosis and the results are "indeterminate" (not conclusively benign or malignant). In the past, surgery was recommended for most patients with indeterminate FNAs even though most thyroid nodules are benign. Today improved testing is available and your physician may order the ThyroSeq Thyroid Panel using the cells that have already been collected, avoiding another biopsy and potentially unnecessary surgery.

What is the ThyroSeq Thyroid Panel and How Does it Help Me?

The ThyroSeq thyroid panel is a test developed by the University of Pittsburgh Division of Molecular and Genomic Pathology and is ordered through CBLPath. Using ThyroSeq allows your physician to gain more information about your biopsy and guides treatment decisions without the need for another biopsy. ThyroSeq analyzes multiple genes that have been linked to thyroid cancer and then provides your risk of malignancy based on your results. This enables your physician to provide a more informed recommendation for your treatment.

Billing, Insurance and Financial Assistance

CBLPath's priority is to ensure that all of the patients and physicians we serve have access to ThyroSeq, regardless of insurance coverage or income.

Medicare Coverage

Medicare typically covers the thyroid FNA except for a small co-pay and there is no co-pay for the ThyroSeq panel.

Private Insurance

CBLPath accepts private insurance. If your insurance company **does not** cover the ThyroSeq test, the maximum out-of-pocket amount you will be responsible for is \$300 per nodule.

Explanation of Benefits

Upon processing this claim, your insurance company will send you an explanation of benefits (EOB). This is not a bill. CBLPath will invoice you once we have received payment information from your insurance. You may be responsible for the deductible, co-insurance and/or co-payment based upon the EOB. In some cases, you may also receive a check from your insurance company for the ThyroSeq test. Please endorse the check and send it to:

CBLPath, Inc.

Attn: Billing Department
110 Washington Ave.
2nd Floor
North Haven, CT 06473

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to patients that are self-insured or have no insurance to ensure that this valuable test is available to any patient that can medically benefit from the results.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, call CBLPath at 855.725.6444, weekdays from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm EST.

I, _____, have read and understand the information as documented above including any financial responsibility that may result from this testing.

Signature of Patient/Guarantor

Relationship to Patient

Date