# Catalyst\* Total T4

# **Quick Reference Guide**

### **Storage and handling requirements**

- · Store in the refrigerator. Do not freeze.
- No warming required—run directly from the refrigerator.
- Total T<sub>4</sub> (TT<sub>4</sub>) slides and reagent can be stored in their pouch at room temperature for up to 8 hours. After 8 hours, store any unused materials in the refrigerator.
- · Recommended sample volume:
  - Whole blood: 600-800 µL
  - Serum/plasma: 100 μL
     (65 μL minimum; 300 μL if running with other slides)

#### Total T<sub>4</sub> made simple—load and go

### Catalyst One\*







Load slide Load reagent and here tips here

## Frequently asked questions

| Question  | Answer   |                |                        |
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| Is the Catalyst* Total T <sub>4</sub> Test just a slide?  | No, the Catalyst* Total T <sub>4</sub> Test contains a single slide and a reagent (conjugate, wash, and substrate). Both components must be run together for each sample run and then discarded.   |                |                        |
| What sample types can be run on the total T <sub>4</sub> test?  | Compatible sample types include serum, lithium heparin plasma, and whole blood using the Catalyst* Lithium Heparin Whole Blood Separator.  |                |                        |
| Which species have been validated for the total T <sub>4</sub> test?  | Canine and feline species are supported with total T <sub>4</sub> .  |                |                        |
| Can the total T <sub>4</sub> test be run with other slides?   | Yes! The total T <sub>4</sub> test can be run alone or with other slides as part of a comprehensive patient profile. For example, you could run a Catalyst* Lyte 4 CLIP, a Catalyst* Chem 17 CLIP, SDMA, and a total T <sub>4</sub> test with one patient sample.  |                |                        |
| When running with other slides, should the total T <sub>4</sub> test be loaded in a particular order?       | <ul> <li>The TT<sub>4</sub> slide can be run in any order after electrolytes.</li> <li>When running TT<sub>4</sub> with electrolyte slides, always load the electrolyte slides first.</li> <li>For the quickest time to results for total T<sub>4</sub>, the recommended load order is Lyte 4 CLIP on the bottom, followed by a chemistry CLIP (e.g., Chem 17, Chem 10, etc.), SDMA, any additional slides, and TT<sub>4</sub> on top.</li> <li>Be sure to load the drawer with pipette tips before every run. (The maximum number of slides per run is 25 slides.)</li> </ul> |                |                        |
| At what range will the total T <sub>4</sub> test report a numerical result?                                 | Species  | U.S. Units     | S.I./French S.I. Units |
|   | Canine   | 0.5-10.0 μg/dL | 6.4-128.7 nmol/L       |
|   | Feline   | 0.5-20.0 μg/dL | 6.4-257.4 nmol/L       |
| What is the run time for the total T <sub>4</sub> test?   | Total T <sub>4</sub> test results are available in approximately 15 minutes after the start of the run.  |                |                        |
| Is it okay to dilute samples that are undergoing total T <sub>4</sub> testing?                              | IDEXX does not support the use of diluted samples when running the Catalyst Total T <sub>4</sub> Test.   |                |                        |
| How often can total T <sub>4</sub> tests be left at room temperature and then returned to the refrigerator? | Once at room temperature, total $T_4$ tests can be returned to the refrigerator up to 5 times as long as the foil pouch is unopened.   |                |                        |
| What if a total T <sub>4</sub> test is accidentally frozen?   | Any tests suspected of being frozen up to 8 hours should be allowed to thaw at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before use. Tests frozen for more than 8 hours, or multiple times, should be discarded.  |                |                        |

