Quick Reference Guide

Storage and handling requirements

- · Store in the refrigerator. Do not freeze.
- No warming required—run directly from the refrigerator.
- Total T₄ (TT₄) 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 μ L minimum; 300 μ L if running with other slides)

Total T₄ made simple—load and go

Catalyst One*





Catalyst Dx*



Load reagent and Load slide here tips here

Frequently asked questions

Question	Answer		
Is the Catalyst* Total T ₄ Test just a slide?	No, the Catalyst* Total T ₄ 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_4 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_4 test?	Canine and feline species are supported with total T ₄ .		
Can the total T ₄ test be run with other slides?	Yes! The total T_4 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_4 test with one patient sample.		
When running with other slides, should the total T_4 test be loaded in a particular order?	 The TT₄ slide can be run in any order after electrolytes. When running TT₄ with electrolyte slides, always load the electrolyte slides first. For the quickest time to results for total T₄, 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 TT₄ on top. Be sure to load the drawer with pipette tips before every run. (The maximum number of slides per run is 25 slides.) 		
At what range will the total T ₄ 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 ₄ test?	Total T_4 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_4 testing?	IDEXX does not support the use of diluted samples when running the Catalyst Total T ₄ Test.		
How often can total T ₄ 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 ₄ 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.		
Which quality control should I use to monitor the performance of the total T ₄ test?	VetTrol* Control is designed for use in monitoring the accuracy of the Catalyst Dx and Catalyst One analysers. IDEXX also recommends monthly analyser maintenance to ensure the accuracy of these analysers.		