

# New Test Announcement



## Celiac Disease Cascade

Effective 01/13/11, St. Luke's Laboratory added the Celiac Disease Cascade as an orderable test in LSS and Meditech computer systems. This Cascade is useful in evaluating patients suspected of having celiac disease, including patients with compatible symptoms, patients with atypical symptoms, and individuals at increased risk (family history, previous diagnosis with associated disease, or positivity for DQ2 and/or DQ8). This cascade is performed by the Mayo Medical Laboratories and includes an Immunoglobulin A(IgA) and Celiac Disease Interpretation. Tissue Transglutaminase Ab IgA, Endomysial Ab IgA, Gliadin (Deamidated) Ab IgA, Tissue Transglutaminase Ab IgG, and Gliadin (Deamidated) Ab IgG are reflexively added per Mayo's testing algorithm. The Celiac Disease Cascade is our preferred laboratory methodology for celiac disease testing, but individual tests in the panel are also available if desired.

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