

## **BUILDING A SUPPORTIVE CARE TEAM:**

- Find a licensed Endocrinologist or Naturopath that is experienced in thyroid diseases and conditions (ask other doctors who they would recommend for their family).
- Document ALL symptoms and length of time you have been experiencing them, including pain levels and fatigue.
- Share your daily quality of life, including things you can no longer accomplish due to these symptoms.
- Share any family history of thyroid disease or conditions.
- Present relevant publications that may help your conversation and nature of care.

- Join peer support groups to look for qualified medical professionals and share information about thyroid conditions, treatments and medications.
- Search for experienced patient advocates to help you understand what to ask for and expect from the process.
- Present the list of thyroid, vitamin and mineral tests below and ensure your medical professional can complete them or are willing to outsource the tests to a local lab.
- Establish a connection with your care team to support you on your journey!



## **THYROID TESTS**

- Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
- Free T4
- Total T4
- Free T3
- Total T3
- Reverse T3
- Thyroid Peroxidase (TPO) Antibodies
- Thyroglobulin (TG) Antibodies

## **VITAMIN & MINERAL TESTS**

- Selenium
- Iron/Ferritin
- lodine
- Vitamin D
- Zinc
- Magnesium
- Vitamin A
- Vitamin B12
- Vitamin E