

# Riedel's Thyroiditis

**Riedel's thyroiditis** is a rare form of **chronic thyroiditis**, the incidence is estimated at 0.04-0.3%, it affects women more often. It is often associated with other disorders of the immune system in terms of autoimmune diseases. This is probably a manifestation of IgG4-associated disease.

The clinical manifestation is non-specific, the usual manifestation is **solid goiter** with manifestations of rather mechanical oppression. Thyroid hypofunction may be present in some patients, in another part it may develop during the course of the disease, but it is not a characteristic manifestation. A relatively common feature is **local invasion**. Histopathology is diagnostically important, Riedel's thyroiditis may be less distinguishable from the fibrous form of Hashimoto's thyroiditis and from tumor changes. Only one case report with a fatal course has been published, otherwise the disease does not seem to shorten life.

## Related Articles

- IgG4-associated disease
- Chronic autoimmune thyroiditis
- Thyroid tumors

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