

Folic Acid (Folate)

Order Name: **FOLIC ACID**

Test Number: 4500950

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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Folic Acid (Folate)	Chemiluminescence Assay	2284-8

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1 mL (0.5)	Serum	Clot Activator SST	Refrigerated
Alternate 1	1 mL (0.5)	Plasma	Lithium Heparin PST (Light Green Top)	Refrigerated
Instructions	Non hemolyzed serum. Stability: Ambient 8 hours. Refrigerated 7 days. Frozen 30 days.			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Sun - Fri
Expected TAT	1-3 days
Clinical Use	Useful in detecting deficiency of folate, monitor therapy with folate; evaluate megaloblastic and macrocytic anemia; evaluate alcoholic patients; evaluate cause of increase in serum homocysteine level.
CPT Code(s)	82746
Lab Section	Chemistry