

## 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	<b>1 mL (0.5)</b>	<b>Serum</b>	<b>Clot Activator SST</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Alternate 1	<b>1 mL (0.5)</b>	<b>Plasma</b>	<b>Lithium Heparin PST (Light Green Top)</b>	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Instructions	<p>Non hemolyzed serum. Stability: Ambient 8 hours. Refrigerated 7 days. Frozen 30 days.</p>			

### 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