

Acceptable Tube Types



Folate

Alternate Name:		Folic Acid
Performing Lab:		New Hanover
Specimen Container:		Yellow serum separator tube, or Red top tube or Yellow or Red microtainer
Minimum Volume Required:		Whole Blood – 2 mL Microtainer – minimum of 1 full
Testing Availability	Routine:	24 hours/day
	Stat:	No
Turnaround Time:		4 hours
Special Handling:		None
Patient Preparation:		None
Specimen Stability:		
Reference Range:		Normal: > 5.4 ng/mL Indeterminate: 3.4 – 5.4 ng/mL Deficient: 0.5 – 3.3 ng/mL
Critical Value:		None
CPT Code:		82746
Testing Methodology:		Competitive Immunoassay using Chemiluminescent technology
Causes for Specimen Rejection:		Improper labeling
Other Comments:		
Clinical Significance:		Detect folate deficiency; monitor therapy with folate; evaluate megaloblastic and macrocytic anemia; evaluate alcoholic patients and those with prior jejunioileal bypass for morbid obesity or those with intestinal blind-loop syndrome

