



CLINICAL LABORATORIES

CompuNet Clinical Laboratory

Folate Testing — CPT 82746 (Serum Folic Acid)

CPT: 82746 Serum Folic Acid • Limited Coverage Summary

Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Serum folate testing (CPT 82746) is used to evaluate suspected folate deficiency, anemia, malabsorption, neurologic symptoms, or other conditions impacting folate metabolism. Medicare covers folate testing when supported by documented clinical signs, symptoms, or conditions linked to folate deficiency, as outlined in CMS Article A56416.

Indications — When Serum Folate Testing Meets Coverage Criteria

Evaluation of suspected folate deficiency anemia; macrocytosis; malnutrition; malabsorption syndromes; neurologic symptoms such as neuropathy or cognitive decline; gastrointestinal diseases resulting in impaired absorption; alcohol dependence; drug-induced nutrient deficiency; follow-up assessment after abnormal B12 or homocysteine testing.

Limitations — When Folate Testing Is Not Covered

Routine screening without symptoms or risk factors; repeat testing without clinical justification; testing performed as part of broad nutritional panels without specific medical necessity; testing for vitamins as part of functional medicine panels not covered by Medicare.

ICD-10 Codes Commonly Used & Medically Supportive for 82746

Folate & Megaloblastic Anemias

D52.0 • D52.1 • D52.8 • D52.9 • D53.1 • D53.9

Neurologic / Cognitive Disorders

F03.90 • F03.A0 • F03.B0 • F03.C0 • R41.1 • R41.2 • R41.82 • G25.70 • G25.71 • G25.79

Malabsorption & GI Disorders

K90.0 • K90.1 • K90.2 • K90.3 • K90.49 • K90.81 • K90.821 • K90.822 • K90.829 • K91.2 • K50.xx

Other Medically Supportive Diagnoses

D51.x Vitamin B12 deficiency anemias • E41 • E43 • E46 • E53.8 • E72.11 • E72.12 • R20.x • R26.x • Z98.0 • Z99.2