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## RBC Folate: Change in Testing Laboratory

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In an effort to optimize services and in recognition that the RBC folate levels do not serve a unique purpose in the continuum of care (Clin Chem Lab Med 2013; 51(3): 555–69), UR Medicine Laboratory will no longer offer the RBC Folate test.

Serum Folate Test is the recommended alternate test and will continue to be available.

Test	Test Code
RBC Folate - <b>Discontinued</b>	RBCFP
Serum Folate - Alternative	FOL

Serum folate is performed in house seven days a week.

Specimen collection requirements for Serum Folate, sample drawn in Serum Separator Tube (SST) with transport at ambient temperature to lab.

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