



### Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>

Synonym: Cyanocobalamin.

Specimen: Serum

Reference Value:

- □ Newborn 160–1300 pg/mL
- ☐ Adult 200–900 pg/mL

Method: Radioimmunoassay

## Description:

- It is essential in DNA synthesis, hematopoiesis, and central nervous system integrity.
- It is derived from dietary intake. Animal products are the richest source of vitamin  $B_{12}$ .
- Its absorption depends on the presence of intrinsic factor.

- Deficiency of this vitamin occurs due to stomach or intestinal disease as well as insufficient dietary intake of foods containing vitamin  $B_{12}$ .
- A significant increase in red blood cell mean corpuscular volume may be an important indicator of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> deficiency.

## Indications

- Assist in the diagnosis of central nervous system disorders
- Assist in the diagnosis of megaloblastic anemia
- Evaluate malabsorption syndromes

#### **Increased in:**

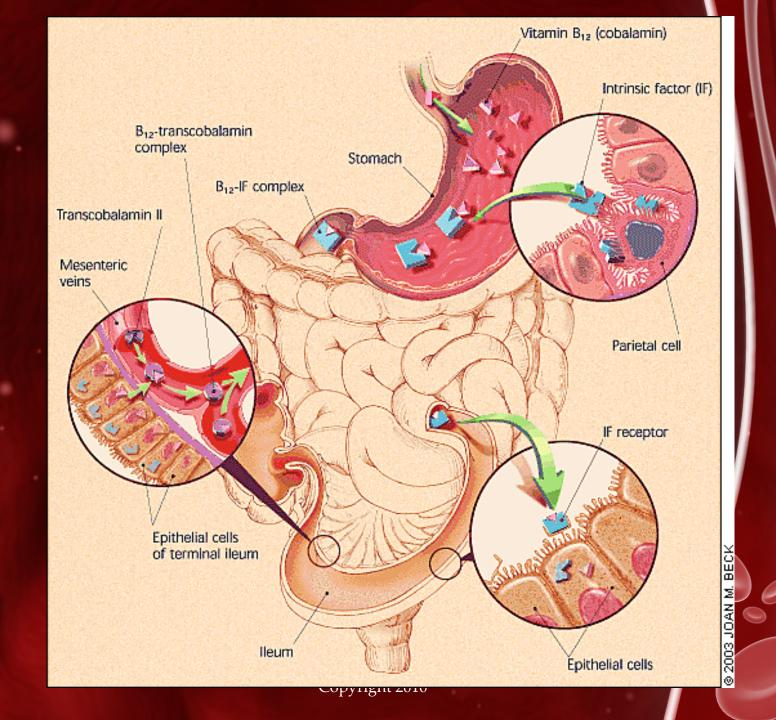
- 1. Chronic granulocytic leukemia
- 2. Chronic renal failure
- 3. Diabetes

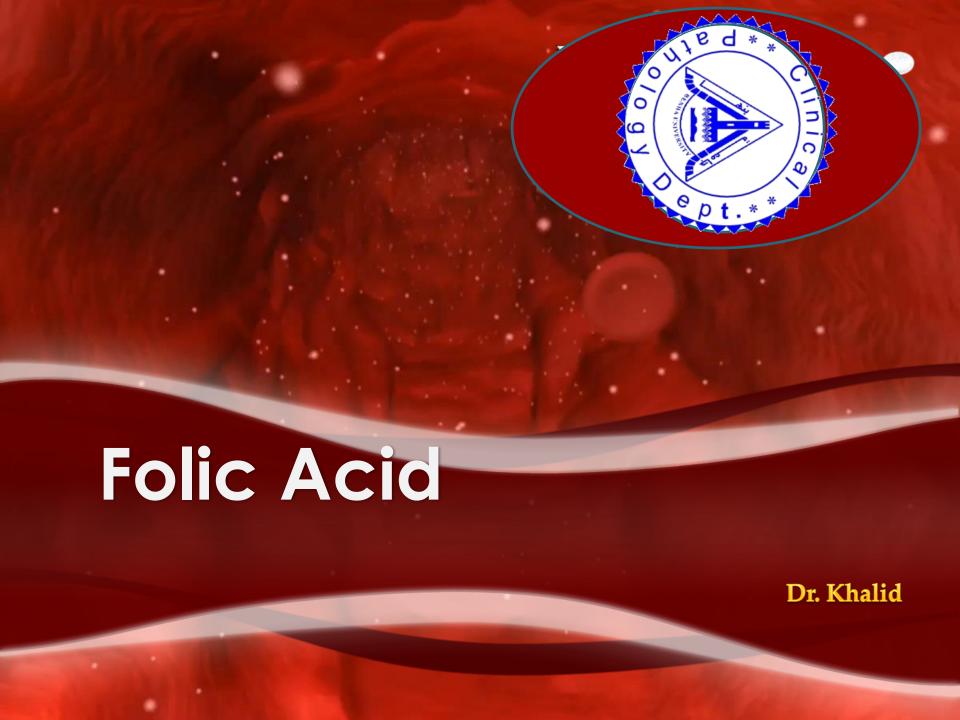
- 4. Leukocytosis
- 5. Liver cell damage (hepatitis, cirrhosis)
- 6. Obesity
- 7. Polycythemia vera

#### Decreased in:

- 1. Abnormalities of cobalamin transport or metabolism
- 2. Bacterial overgrowth
- 3. Dietary deficiency (e.g., in vegetarians)
- 4. Diphyllobothrium (fish tapeworm) infestation
- 5. Gastric or small intestine surgery

- 6. Hypochlorhydria
- 7. Inflammatory bowel disease
- 8. Intestinal malabsorption
- 9. Intrinsic factor deficiency
- 10.Late pregnancy
- 11.Pernicious anemia







## Folic acid

Synonym: folate

Specimen: Serum

Reference Value: > 2 ng/mL

Method: Radioimmunoassay

## Description

- Folate, a water soluble vitamin, is produced by bacteria in the intestines and stored in small amounts in the liver.
- Folate is necessary for normal red blood cell and white blood cell function, DNA replication, and cell division.
- Folate levels are often measured in association with serum vitamin  $B_{12}$  determinations

#### Decreased in:

- ☐ Dietary folate deficiency
- $\square$  B<sub>12</sub> deficiency (50–60%, since cellular uptake of folate depends on B12).
- ☐ malabsorption, malnutrition, liver disease, cancer.

#### **Increased in:**

☐ Excessive dietary intake of folate or folate supplements



### Fibrinogen kit



## Fibrinogen

Synonym: Factor I.

Specimen: Plasma collected in sodium citrate

Reference Value: 150-400 mg/dL

**Method: ELISA** 

## Description

- ☐ Fibrinogen is synthesized in the liver.
- ☐ In the common final pathway of the coagulation sequence, thrombin converts fibrinogen to fibrin, which then clots blood as it combines with platelets.
- ☐ In normal, healthy individuals, the serum should contain no residual fibrinogen after clotting has occurred

#### Decreased in:

- ☐ Congenital fibrinogen deficiency
- ☐ Liver disease (Decreased hepatic synthesis)
- ☐ Primary fibrinolysis

#### **Increased in:**

- ☐ Inflammation (acute phase reactant),
- ☐ Multiple myeloma
- ☐ Pregnancy
- ☐ Tissue necrosis



### Fibrin Split Products

- Synonyms: Fibrin Degradation
  Products, fibrin breakdown products,
  FDP, FSP, FBP.
- Specimen: Plasma
- **Reference Value:** <5 μg/mL;
- Method: Latex agglutination

## Description

 This coagulation test evaluates fsp that interfere with normal coagulation and formation of the hemostatic platelet plug.

• After a fibrin clot has formed, the fibrinolytic system prevents excessive clotting. In the fibrinolytic system, plasmin digests fibrin.

- ☐ Fibrinogen also can be degraded.
- □ Seven substances labeled *A*, *B*, *C*, *D*, *E*, *X*, and *Y* result from this degradation, which can indicate abnormal coagulation.
- Under normal conditions, the liver and reticuloendothelial system remove fibrin split products from the circulation

#### **Increased in:**

- □ DIC
- Excessive bleeding
- ☐ Liver disease
- Pulmonary embolism