

epartment of Pathology Effective Date: January 20, 2026

TEST CHANGE

Methylmalonic Acid (MMA) Quantitative, Urine

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Specimen Requirements:	
Patient Preparation:	
Collect:	24-hour or random urine. Refrigerate 24-hour specimens during collection.
Specimen Preparation:	Transfer a 14 mL aliquot from a well-mixed 24-hour or random urine collection to an ARUP standard transport tube Standard Transport Tube and refrigerate or freeze immediately. (Min: 0.31 mL) Record total volume and collection time interval on transport tube and test request form.
Transport Temperature:	Frozen.
Unacceptable Conditions:	Room temperature specimens.
Remarks:	
Stability:	Ambient: Unacceptable; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: 1 month
Methodology:	Quantitative High Performance Liquid Chromatography- Tandem Mass Spectrometry
Note:	
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New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Urinary methylmalonic acid, when increased, is an early and sensitive indicator of vitamin B12 (cobalamin) deficiency. This test can also be used to monitor patients with methylmalonic aciduria. Diagnosis of methylmalonic aciduria requires an organic acid panel and appropriate clinical history.

Per 24h calculations are provided to aid interpretation for collections with a duration of 24 hours and an average daily urine volume. For specimens with notable deviations in collection time or volume, ratios of analytes to a corresponding urine creatinine concentration may assist in result interpretation.

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by ARUP Laboratories. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. This test was performed in a CLIA certified laboratory and is intended for clinical purposes.

Reference Interval:

Test Number	Components	Reference Interval
	Creatinine, Urine - per 24h	



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	Age	Male (mg/d)	Female (mg/d)	
	3-8 years	140-700	140-700	
	<u>9-12 years</u>	300-1300	300-1300	
	<u>13-17 years</u>	500-2300	400-1600	
	<u>18-50 years</u>	1000-2500	700-1600	
	<u>51-80 years</u>	800-2100	500-1400	
	81 years and older	600-2000	400-1300	
MMA - ratio to CRT	0.0-3.6 mmol	0.0-3.6 mmol/mol CRT		