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Discontinuation of the Helicobacter pylori serology test (HEPY)

Effective July 15th 2021, Marshfield Labs will no longer offer Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) serology testing.

Serologic evaluation of patients to determine the presence or absence of H. pylori infection is no longer considered clinically useful. Per the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Gastroenterology Association, alternative non-invasive tests such as the urea breath test (UBT) and the stool antigen test (HPYAG) have higher clinical utility, sensitivity and specificity to detect H. pylori bacteria.

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Based on these recommendations, H. pylori serology test code HEPY will be discontinued.

How to order the alternative tests:

Stool test: Helicobacter pylori antigen
Test Code: HPYAG
CPT Code: 87338
Specimen: Collect 5 grams fresh stool specimens in a clean, airtight container with no preservative. Transport to laboratory promptly and refrigerate at 2-8 degrees Celsius.

Performed in the Microbiology section

Breath test: Helicobacter pylori, Breath (UBT)
Test Code: UBTSO
CPT Code: 83013
Specimen: Meretek UBT Test Specimen Collection Kit at ambient temperature.

Sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories

Questions

Additional test information is available in Marshfield Labs Test Reference Manual or from Marshfield Labs Customer Service Department, 715-221-6700 or toll-free at 800-222-5835.