

SERVICE UPDATE

UNITYPOINT HEALTH-METHODIST LABORATORY

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Change in *Helicobacter pylori* testing:

***H. pylori* fecal antigen test (HPSAG) will be replacing *H. pylori* IgG serology test; our reference lab is no longer offering this test**

**New Test Code: Epic Code LAB397
Sunquest SHPAG**

H. pylori serologic testing is no longer recommended by the American Gastroenterological Association, as it cannot distinguish between past and current infection. *H. pylori* fecal antigen test detects current infection and can be used as a test of cure.


Unity Point Health Peoria will now offer an in-house *H. pylori* fecal antigen test that is a lateral flow immunoassay with a sensitivity and specificity of >96% and 95%, respectively.

Acceptable specimens: fresh stool only


Unacceptable specimens: stool in preservative or Serum

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