

Inactivation of Helicobacter pylori Serology Tests

To support the current diagnostic guidelines recommended by the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and the American Gastroenterology Association (AGA), St John Providence Laboratory will no longer perform or forward the following serology tests.

- Helicobacter pylori Antibody, IgG
- Helicobacter pylori Antibody, IgA (ARUP test code 0050995)
- Helicobacter pylori Antibody, IgG (ARUP test code 0099359)
- Helicobacter pylori Antibody, IgM (ARUP test code 0098392)
- Helicobacter pylori Antibodies, IgG & IgA (ARUP test code 0050994)

Antibody tests cannot distinguish between active and past infection with adequate sensitivity and specificity. The recommended replacement tests for Helicobacter pylori are:

- Helicobacter pylori Antigen, Fecal by EIA (ARUP test code 0065147)
- Helicobacter pylori Breath Test, Adult (ARUP test code 2010476)
- Helicobacter pylori Breath Test, Pediatric (ARUP test code 2010925)

These changes will be in effect, June 6th, 2016. Please feel free to contact your Client Account Specialist for any questions or concerns.