

NEW TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 1, 2013 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 27, 2013

Helicobacter pylori Antibody, IgM, Serum Test ID: HPYM

USEFUL FOR: Screening for exposure to *Helicobacter pylori*.

METHOD: Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA)

REFERENCE VALUES: Negative (Results with index values of <36.00 are negative.)

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:

Container/Tube Preferred: Red Top

Acceptable: Serum Gel Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL Minimum Volume: 0.4 mL

SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION:

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time
Serum	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days
	Frozen	14 days

CAUTIONS: This assay should be performed only on patients with gastrointestinal symptoms consistent with *H. pylori* infection and should not be used to test asymptomatic patients.

A positive test result does not distinguish between previous exposure, colonization or current infection with *Helicobacter pylori*. This test should be used as an aid to make the diagnosis alongside clinical evaluation and other laboratory tests.

Active disease due to *H. pylori* can be established by the urea breath test or the stool antigen assay.

CPT CODE: 86677

DAY(S) SET UP: Monday through Friday **ANALYTIC TIME:** same day / 1 day

QUESTIONS: Contact your Mayo Medical Laboratories' Regional Manager or Kim J. Baker, MML Laboratory Technologist Resource Coordinator Telephone: 800-533-1710