ProMedica Laboratories

Test Update

New In-House Testing: *H. pylori* Stool Antigen

Notification Date: October 2nd, 2026
Effective Date: October 13th, 2026

Effective **October 13, 2026,** ProMedica Laboratories will offer in-house *Helicobacter pylori* stool antigen testing. The enzyme immunoassay (EIA) is used to detect *H. pylori* antigen in stool and may aid in the diagnosis of active infection or confirmation of eradication following treatment.

New Test Name: Helicobacter pylori antigen, fecal

EPIC Test Code: LAB397B

Order Code: HPSA

Acceptable specimens:

- Fresh stool in sterile container
- Frozen stool in sterile container
- Stool in Cary Blair or C&S transport media

Specimen Stability:

- Fresh stool or stool in Cary Blair/C&S transport media: 5 days at room temperature (20°C-25°C) or refrigerated (2°C-8°C)
- Frozen unpreserved stool: 14 days at ≤ -10°C

Special instructions:

- For test of cure, collect stool at least 4 weeks after completion of therapy
- Avoid antibiotics, proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), and bismuth-containing medications for 14 days prior to collection, when clinically appropriate.
- Do not submit stool in formalin-based or alcohol-based fixatives.

Days performed: Sunday through Saturday

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