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HELICOBACTER PYLORI STOOL ANTIGEN

Synonym(s): HPSA, H Pylori Antigen Test, Helicobacter Pylori Antigen, Helicobacter Antigen

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Lab Section Category	Immunology/Serology/STD/Allergy - Serology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/immunologyserologystdallergy.aspx).
Specimen Required	Fresh stool (one teaspoon or about 10 mm ³ of stool) in a clean leak-proof container with a tight-fitting lid. If it is not possible to despatch the stool sample to the laboratory within the same day, the sample should be kept at 2 – 8°C in the refrigerator.
Method	Immunochromatographic assay
Turnaround Time	Same day of receipt of sample
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday to Saturday (Monday to Friday: before 5pm, Saturday: before 12 noon, except public holidays)
Remarks	Please note: 1. Stool specimens should be sent 2 weeks after discontinuation of therapy involving antimicrobials, proton pump inhibitors and bismuth preparations, as these are known to cause false-negative results if ingested within 2 weeks prior to stool testing. 2. Stool in transport media, on swabs, mixed in urine or preservatives, is not appropriate for testing and will have to be rejected.

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