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Urea Breath Test For Helicobacter Pylori Laboratory Requisition

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Appointment Booking - online at www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca or 1-877-702-4486

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Helicobacter pylori Stool Antigen test (HpSAT) is recommended as the primary test for of H. pylori. The UBT is available in the following situations. Check which applies for your patient.

☐ GI specialist request ☐ Persistent indeterminate HpSAT result ☐ Approved by Clinical Chemist/Medical Microbiologist

Urea Breath Testing will only be performed if the patient meets all of the following conditions:

- Symptomatic dyspepsia or suspected peptic ulcer disease¹ in a patient over 18 years of age or assessment of a high risk patient (e.g.: use of long term NSAID in a high risk patient)
- No gastroscopy booked²
- At least 4 weeks since the completion of treatment after a positive HpSAT, UBT, or H pylori biopsy taken during gastroscopy (if previously done)
- · Nothing by mouth for a minimum of 4 hours prior to laboratory appointment
- · Off antibiotics for at least 4 weeks
- Off Bismuth Preparations for at least 2 weeks
- Off Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) for at least 2 weeks
- Off H2 Receptor Antagonists for at least 24 hours

Guidelines for using the Urea Breath Test are intended for patients over the age of 18 years, and empiric management of dyspepsia in pediatric patients is **not** recommended.

• Testing of patients between ages 6 and 18 years will require specific clinical rationale beyond symptoms of dyspepsia (e.g. peptic ulcer disease on upper GI studies)

Collections: Performed at Patient Care Centres by appointment only.

• Book an appointment by calling 1-877-702-4486

Urea Breath Test Instructions available at www.aplabs.ca/patientinstructions

¹Urea breath test not recommended for asymptomatic patients or for gastric cancer screening.

² Urea breath test redundant to gastroscopic biopsy for detection of H. pylori.