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**TO:** CCLS Clients  
**FROM:** CCLS – Specimen Referral Center  
**DATE:** April 29, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Helicobacter pylori Antigen, Fecal by EIA

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Effective May 11, 2021, Mayo will make changes to the following test:

**HELICOBACTER PYLORI ANTIGEN, FECAL BY EIA, MAYO CODE FHPAF (LAB0210898)** will become obsolete due to the availability of a clinically equivalent PCR test for H pylori detection.

The recommended alternative test will be:

**HELICOBACTER PYLORI WITH CLARITHROMYCIN RESISTANCE PREDICTION, MOLECULAR DETECTION, PCR, FECES, MAYO CODE HPFRP (LAB0002047)** has equivalent accuracy to fecal antigen testing for H pylori detection and predicts clarithromycin susceptibility or resistance in H pylori if detected.

**Submission Container/Tube:** Commercially available transport system specific for recovery of enteric pathogens from fecal specimens (15 mL of nonnutritive transport medium containing phenol red as a pH indicator, either Cary-Blair or Para-Pak C and S)

**Specimen Volume:** 5 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Collect fresh fecal specimen and submit 1 gram or 5 mL in container with transport medium.
2. Place feces in preservative within 2 hours of collection.
3. Place vial in a sealed plastic bag.

**Specimen Stability Information:**

| Specimen Type | Temperature              | Time   |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Fecal         | Refrigerated (preferred) | 7 days |
|               | Frozen                   | 7 days |

Please feel free to contact the Specimen Referrals Center with any questions at 320-251-2700 Ext. 57320