

News You Can Use

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Rapid Urea Medium for Detection of *H. pylori*

We are introducing Rapid Urea Medium for the detection of urease activity produced by *Helicobacter pylori* in gastric mucosal biopsy tissue obtained by endoscopy. Specifics of specimen requirements and use of this urease detection and transport medium are detailed in our UR Medicine Labs Test Index (refer to TEST CODE: **HPYLO**). The Rapid Urea Medium is available to clients of our laboratory using the electronic supply ordering system

Labeling Requirements for Specimens & Requisitions

In the coming months there will be an important change to the acceptability of samples received with discrepant or missing information. Once instituted, each sample not in compliance with our labeling policy will be subject to a **higher level of rejection and recollection**. Please use this time in the coming weeks to better understand your section processes and to plan for any improvements that would mitigate these missed testing opportunities.

All samples received in the laboratory must have full first and last name of the patient, secondary identifier (DOB or MRN), collection date, collection time and collector's initials. Electronic documentation in UR Medicine's eRecord or interfaced systems meets this qualification, all others must record the information the specimen label. Link: [Labeling Requirements](#)

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