
**HELICOBACTER PYLORI, antigen
F –HepyAg****What is this test for?**

This test is carried out to determine whether the Helicobacter pylori bacterium is present in your stomach. Alternatively, it can be used to assess whether the eradication therapy you have received has been successful. This test is carried out a minimum of four weeks after you have completed your course of treatment.

Medicines not to be taken for one (1) day before the study

Gastric acid secretion inhibitors: Cytotec, Famotidin Hexal, Pepcid, Pepcid Duo, Ranisan, Ranitidin Mylan, Ranitidin Sandoz, Ranixal, Zantac.

Medicines that affect bowel motility: Primperan, Prepulsid, Mestinon, Ubretid Takeda Pharma.

Antacids: Balancid Novum, Gaviscon solution, Link, Magnesiummaito, Novaluzid, PeeHoo, PH maxi, Rennie, Topalkan.

Stomach lining protectants: Antepsin.

Medicines not to be taken for two (2) weeks before the study

Courses of antibiotics.

Proton pump inhibitors: Esomeprazol, Esomeprazol Ratiopharm, Esomeprazol Sandoz, Gasterix, Lanzoprazol Actavis, Losec, Losec MUPS, Nexium, Omeprazol Actavis, Omeprazol Pensa, Omeprazol Ratiopharm, Omeprazol Sandoz, Omestad, Pantoprazol Actavis, Pantoprazol Pensa, Pantoprazol Sandoz, Panzor, Pariet, Somac, Somac Control, Zolt.

Medicines not to be taken for four (4) weeks before the study

Helicobacter eradication therapy: Helipak A, Helipak K.

How to collect the sample

- Catch the stool in a shallow dish, a piece of toilet paper or plastic. Collect the sample immediately. Please note that diarrhoeal stool cannot be used as a specimen.
- Place approximately one teaspoon of the stool into a dry container as provided by the laboratory using the scoop attached to the lid. Then replace the lid carefully.
- Write your name, personal identity number and the date on which the sample was collected on the sticker provided and attach it to the container.
- The container should then be placed inside the plastic bag and wrapped tightly. Please do not place the laboratory form inside the bag.

How to store and transport the sample

Please bring the sample to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection. If you need to store the sample at home, it will keep in the refrigerator for three days. If your doctor has provided you with a referral or laboratory request form, please bring it with you.