

# *H. pylori* Culture

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To both ease ordering and assist laboratory staff in setting up optimal culture, Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories (WDL) will implement a new culture order, specifically for the isolation and identification of *Helicobacter pylori* from gastric biopsy specimens, effective January 30, 2019. *H. pylori* requires specific culture media and conditions for growth. Adding a specific orderable culture will help prevent loss of specimens.

Please note that susceptibility testing will only be performed upon request.

Test Name	Mnemonic	Test Code (PDM)	CPT Code
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> culture	C HPYLORI	6800360	87070, 87205 with Gram Stain

### Specimen Collection:

- **Tissue:** Collect gastric biopsies from multiple sites, including the gastric antrum and corpus. Place tissue into bacterial transport media or a sterile screw top container with sterile saline.

### Specimen Transport and Stability:

- Transport specimen at room temperature as soon as possible (within 24 hours).

### Turnaround Time:

- Gram Stain: ..... 24 hours
- Positive Culture, Preliminary Report: ..... 72 hours to 7 days
- Negative Culture, Final Report: ..... 7 days

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