**H. pylori Culture**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 30, 2019**

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.

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**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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