

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: August 24, 2007
Re: H Pylori IgA Testing Coming In-House

On Tuesday, August 28th, 2007 Allina Medical Laboratories will begin performing H. Pylori IgA testing in-house.

Test Name	<i>H. Pylori IgA</i>
Test Code	343 / HYA
Specimen	1ml Serum
Container	Serum Separator Tube (SST)
Processing	Spin
Transport	Refrigerated
Methodology	Enzyme Immunoassay
Days Performed	Tuesday, Friday
Turn Around Time	3 Days
Reference Range	< 0.89 Elisa Value
Special Instructions	Specimen stable 7 days refrigerated, 1 month at -20 ^o C
CPT Code	86677
List Price	\$20.50

Helicobacter pylori IgG and IgA antibody seroconversion occurs together after 60 days. Samples which have a high titer of both IgG and IgA antibodies to H. pylori in symptomatic individuals may be considered to represent an active infection. However, a positive H. pylori IgA result can only suggest active infection and should be confirmed by bacterial isolation or other diagnostic testing.