



# Monthly Update

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## Directory of Services

There were quite a few comments on the Client Surveys, regarding the Directory of Services and its content. The Directory of Services referred to in the survey is the one available online at [www.osfhealthcare.org/lab](http://www.osfhealthcare.org/lab) and is maintained by laboratory outreach personnel. Updates to the directory are performed by outreach personnel and are made as soon as test changes occur. (To click the link above, hold the Control button on your keyboard down and move the cursor over the link):

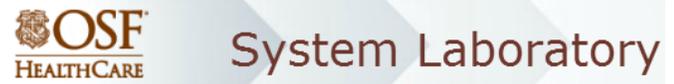


**Who We Are**  
The OSF System Laboratory, as a College of American Pathologists (CAP) accredited and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified laboratory, services a number of sister hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes, and health clinics by offering a wide variety of diagnostic, pathology, and clinical testing.



The Directory of Services can also be accessed internally via the OneOSF page. Hospitals, OSF St. Francis Medical Center, then Departments, Clinical, Laboratory. Link to Mayo Directory of Services and to the OSF System Laboratory Directory of Services is on the right-hand side.

The Directory of Services is searchable by name, code and CPT code, but not by LAB# (although for the Epic



### Search the Test Catalog

Searching for a phrase can be done using " " around the search criteria, ex. "vitamin d"

Name\Order Code  CPT Code

### Search by Test Name



Showing results for "pylori"  
4 results found

Order Code	Test Name	Performed by Lab
CLO	Clotest (Helicobacter pylori Urease Detection), CLO	OSF System Laboratory
HELP	Helicobacter pylori IgG Antibodies, HELP	OSF System Laboratory
HPSA	Helicobacter pylori Antigen, Stool, HPSA	Mayo Medical Laboratories
UBT	Helicobacter Pylori Breath Test, MAYO UBT	Mayo Medical Laboratories

users, the LAB# is included:

Detailed information such as tube color, stability, CPT code, TAT, and transport information can be found here.

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HELP	LAB1143	Helicobacter pylori IgG Antibodies, HELP
<b>Collection Information:</b>		<b>Performed by:</b> OSF System Laboratory
1 mL		<b>Schedule:</b> Monday, Thursday
Refrigerated		<b>TAT:</b> 4 days
Gold Top Tube		
Serum		

**CPT Code(s):**  
86677

**Methods:** EIA

**Reference Range:**  
<=0.90 ISR: Not Detected  
0.91-1.09 ISR: Suggest Repeat  
>=1.10 ISR: Detected

#### Additional Information

**Clinical Significance:**  
Helicobacter pylori has been implicated as the causative agent in non-ulcer dyspepsia, duodenal ulcers, gastritis and gastric mucosa have been implicated in the development of gastric cancer. Persons infected with H. pylori develop antibodies; antibodies are usually not present in children and teenagers, but rise progressively with age, reaching approximately 50% in older. Positive antibody results against H. pylori may indicate a past infection, an ongoing infection, or it may confirm a current infection.

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## ***Helicobacter pylori* Antigen testing will soon be done in-house**

*Helicobacter pylori* antigen testing on stool that was previously performed as a send-out test at Mayo, will soon be performed at the OSF System Laboratory. When this happens, in an effort to conform to the current *H pylori* testing guidelines and improve on patient care management, *H pylori* IgG Antibody testing will no longer be performed since both the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Gastroenterological Association, no longer recommend serologic testing for *H pylori* as a primary means of diagnosis of an active *H pylori* infection. Reasons include:

- ◇ Poor Positive Predictive Value (PPV).
- ◇ Poor performance characteristics of these assays compared to alternative tests (listed below).
- ◇ Serologic testing cannot be used to distinguish active from past infection or to document eradication of the organism following successful treatment
- ◇ Lack of reimbursement from an increasing number of insurance providers.
- ◇ To minimize improper diagnosis and unnecessary treatment regimens, providers are strongly encouraged to amend their testing strategies by replacing serologic evaluation of patient with suspected *H pylori* infection, with either the stool antigen test, HPSTL (LAB4800) performed at OSF, or the urea breath test, UBT (LAB4606), that is sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories.

These same guidelines emphasize the need to test for diagnosis, treat and retest to confirm eradication using a non-invasive active infection test for *H pylori* infection. An estimated 30-40% of the U.S. population is infected with *H pylori*, which has been linked to the development of peptic ulcer disease (PUD), gastric malignance, dyspeptic symptoms and mucosal-associated-lymphoid-type (MALT) lymphoma. The stool testing for *H pylori* that will be offered at the OSF System Laboratory is highly accurate (greater than 90% sensitivity and specificity compared to endoscopy), detects an active infection with a non-invasive test, does not require the patient to fast, and is available for patients of all ages with no risks of side effects.

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## **New version ABN (Advanced Beneficiary Notice) available from CMS**

CMS has released a new version of the Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) for tests and procedures that exceed the Medicare coverage limitations. The new version is available for download on the OSF System Laboratory website [Click here](#). The effective date of the new form is June 21st, 2017 and must be utilized after the date.

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## **The OSF Center for Health in Pekin now open**

The OSF Center for Health in Pekin is now open in the East Court Village Shopping Center located at 3422A Court Street, and will provide primary care, specialists and preventive care for the residents of Pekin and surrounding communities. Hours are Monday-Friday 7 a.m-5:30 p.m., during which Diagnostic Services are available. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are accepted and same day appointments are available. The site will provide Diagnostic Services (EKG, X-rays, blood draws, etc.), Primary Care, and Specialty Services (on a rotating schedule) that include: Orthopedics, General Surgery, Urology, Podiatry, Physiatry and Rheumatology. To schedule an appointment, phone (309) 477-6000.



## **Questions about your bill?**

If you are an Outreach lab client and have a billing-related question, please follow the first step, which is to contact our Patient Accounts and Access Center billing department at **(309) 683-6750**. The PAAC billing agents will be happy to assist you with your inquiry.

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## **Keep in mind...**

“Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished. If you are alive, it isn’t.” -Richard Bach