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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- 1. How do you test for *H. Pylori* infection during upper GI endoscopies ? Please specify what tests you use, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.**

We use a CLO test during upper GI endoscopy to diagnose H pylori – this is done at the time of endoscopy in the endoscopy theatres. It is a urease based test.

- 2. How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?**

100

- 3. Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?**

Senior Management.

- 4. Which *H.Pylori* test(s) do you use most?**

CLO tests

- 5. Why do you use these tests most?**

We use this type of kit for historical reasons and have had no reason to change suppliers

- 6. Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?**

The test is completed on the endoscopy unit, by the endoscopist.

7. What medication do you use to treat H, Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.

Treatment follows NICE Guidance / GMMMG Formulary or BNF and is prescribed by the GP.

8. What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.

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9. Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc.

No

10. If you use a Urease test for H. Pylori, what type of Urease H. Pylori test do you use? Please give drug name and brand

N/A

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Yours sincerely,



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