



Memorandum Micro #196

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Subject: Updates to *H. pylori* culture

Effective December 1st, 2020, the Microbiology lab will now send all components of the *H. pylori* culture (Test LAB 5806) to Mayo Clinic Laboratories. Previously, the microbiology laboratory did initial culture followed by sending the isolate to Mayo for additional testing. This update should streamline the process and reduce the number of samples for which organism is recovered but unable to have additional testing performed. There is no change in test order or sample collection. The biopsy should continue to be collected in a sterile container and sent with a small amount of sterile saline to the Microbiology laboratory for routing.

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