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**Effective July 10<sup>th</sup> , 2017 St. Luke's Laboratory will no longer perform H. pylori Breath Sample testing in house due to low testing volumes.**

**Patient samples will be forwarded to Mayo Medical Laboratories. The analysis of the breath specimen is performed by infrared spectrophotometry, which is the same methodology that was used at St. Luke's Hospital Laboratory. The new turnaround time will be 24-48 hours.**

**Test Mnemonic: HPYLORIBR**

**Sample Type:** Pre and post breath specimens collected in Otsuka Breath Tek Breath Test Specimen Collection Kit which is supplied by St. Luke's Laboratory. This test is not appropriate for patients under three years of age.

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