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American College of Gastroenterology¹



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Blood Antibody Test for *H. pylori* results in FALSE positive. No real active infection.



HEADS:

Blood Antibody Test for *H. pylori* results in TRUE positive. Active infection.

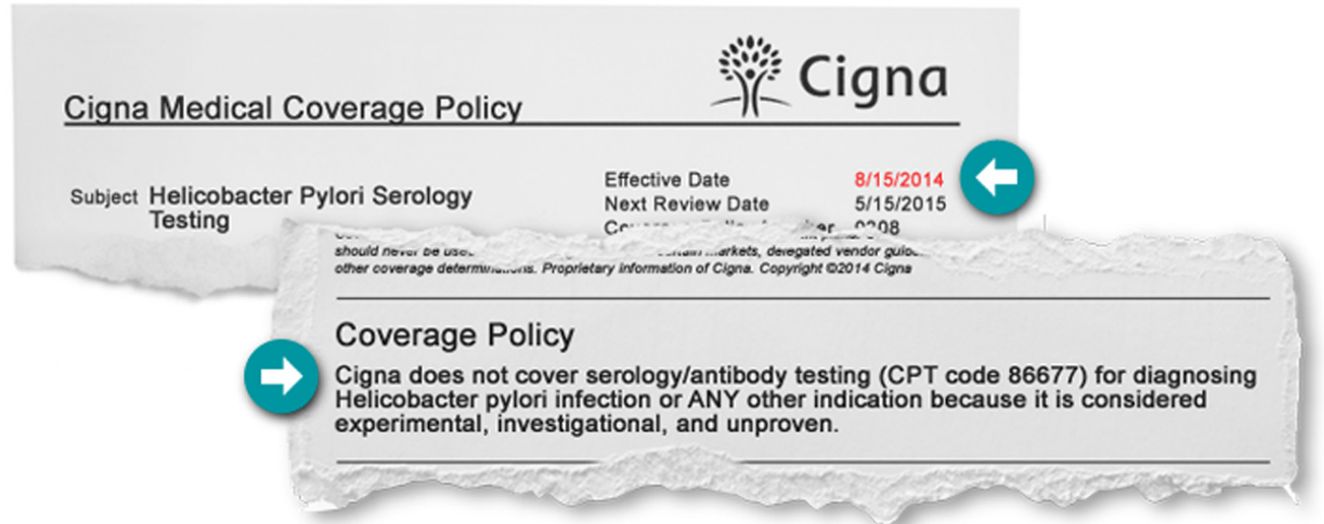
Urea Breath Testing, like **BreathID[®] Hp**, is the expert recommended choice for non-endoscopic *H. pylori* testing.

> Leading Clinical Positions

Organization	Blood Antibody Test	Urea Breath Test (UBT)
American College of Gastroenterology ¹	“A positive blood antibody test is no better than a coin toss for predicting active <i>H. pylori</i> infection.”	“UBT is the most reliable non-endoscopic test to document eradication of <i>H. pylori</i> infection.”
Mayo Clinic Laboratories ²	Serologic testing for <i>H. pylori</i> “ results should be considered with significant caution. ”	“A distinct advantage of [UBT] is that it can also be used to determine treatment efficacy.”
European Helicobacter Study Group ³	“The blood antibody test has no current role in the management of <i>H. pylori</i> infection.”	“The diagnostic accuracy of the UBT is >95% in studies. The UBT is an accurate, practical, and readily available test.”



Payers Decline Reimbursing “Ineffective”⁴ Blood Antibody Testing For *H. pylori*



Urea Breath Testing, like **BreathID[®] Hp**, reimbursements remain steady and strong as the recommended non-endoscopic choice.

> Leading Reimbursement Positions

Organization	Blood Antibody Test	Urea Breath Test (UBT)
Cigna ⁴	“Serology blood testing will not be covered to test for <i>H. pylori</i> ...”	“The overall body of literature suggests that non-invasive testing with UBT is as clinically useful as endoscopy in managing select patients with uncomplicated upper gastrointestinal symptoms.”
Aetna ⁵	“Blood antibody testing for <i>H. pylori</i> is experimental and investigational because of insufficient evidence of its effectiveness. ”	“Stenstrom et al (2008) stated that urea breath tests are the best way to diagnose current <i>H. pylori</i> infection. ”
Geisinger Health Plan ⁷	“Eliminate the use of serology testing. Serology testing will not be reimbursed. ”	“UBT (CPT codes 83013, 83014) is FDA-cleared for the initial diagnosis and to confirm eradication.”

