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St Joseph's/ Candler Laboratories continue to assess our testing methodologies and best practices for diagnosis and treatment of all our patients.

**H.pylori IGG serology** testing will no longer be offered. This testing cannot accurately detect active infection, as the antibodies may remain long after successful treatment. This testing is less sensitive and specific than the alternative testing.

**Urea Breath Testing or Stool Antigen testing** are offered as a better, less invasive alternative for diagnosis.

Additional information of testing and diagnosis can be found at the following website:

<https://arupconsult.com/content/helicobacter-pylori>

The laboratories at St. Joseph's/Candler continually assess our testing volumes to find ways that we can optimize our testing menu in an effort to better serve you and your patients. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the laboratory at Candler 912-819-8440 option 3 or St. Joseph's at 912-819-2427.