HANDLE ORDINARY ISSUES BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF HAND

RULE OUT *H. PYLORI* INFECTION TODAY

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H. pylori infection is a common threat^{1,2}



Global prevalence (%) of *H. pylori* infection in adults by WHO regions⁶



*H. pylori prevalence can also vary depending on age, associated diseases, geographic regions, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and hygienic conditions*²

Infection can have severe consequences^{2,7,8}

After several weeks or months of infection, 100% of patients infected by H. pylori will develop gastritis^{2,7}

H. PYLORI-ASSOCIATED GASTRITIS IS THE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF ALMOST ALL GASTRIC DISEASES ⁷



H. PYLORI REMAINS A MAJOR GLOBAL HEALTH PROBLEM¹¹

Symptoms of *H. pylori* can include alarm and non-alarm symptoms^{2,12}

DYSPEPSIA SYMPTOMS¹³



ALARM SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:2,12

- Anaemia
- Black stools/blood in stools
- Vomiting
- Dysphagia
- Jaundice
- Unintentional weight loss

Alarm symptoms can indicate possible serious disease¹²

Patients who should trigger *H. pylori* testing^{2,14}

According to international guidelines, the following patient profiles should be investigated for H. pylori:^{2,14}





Patients with a *family history of gastric cancer*



Immigrants from areas with a high prevalence of H. pylori infection



Naïve patients starting long-term NSAID therapy



High-risk patients already on long-term aspirin

Non-invasive testing can help get a rapid handle on *H. pylori* infection^{2,14}

PATIENTS AGED < 50 YEARS WITH DYSPEPSIA^{2,14}

NON-INVASIVE TESTS FOR H. PYLORI²

کے ¹³C-UREA BREATH TEST (UBT)²

- Highest sensitivity (95%–100%) and specificity (95%-100%)²
- PPIs need to be stopped 14 days before testing; current or recent antibiotic therapy needs to be excluded

SEROLOGICAL ANTIBODY DETECTION²

- Lowest sensitivity (74.4%) and specificity (59%)
- Cheap, simple, and rapid
- Cannot distinguish between active and previous ٠ infection

STOOL ANTIGEN TEST²

- Slightly lower sensitivity (>95%) and specificity (>95%) vs UBT, but higher vs serological antibody detection
- Rapid, simple, and inexpensive •

DIRECT DETECTION IN STOOL VIA PCR²

PATIENTS AGED ≥50 YEARS WITH DYSPEPSIA OR AT ANY AGE WITH ALARM SYMPTOMS^{2,14}



- Dysphagia
- Anaemia Jaundice
- Black stools/blood in stools
- Unintentional weight loss
- Vomiting



TREATMENT SOLUTIONS¹⁴ FOR H. PYLORI-POSITIVE

Protect your dyspeptic patients by testing them for *H. pylori*^{2,14}



CI, confidence interval; MALT: mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; PCR: polymerase chain reaction; PPI: proton-pump inhibitor; UBT: urea breath test; WHO: World Health Organization.

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