

# TESTING FOR *HELICOBACTER PYLORI*: WHY IT STILL MATTERS, HOW IT HAS EVOLVED

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**A**LTHOUGH INFECTION WITH *Helicobacter pylori* is no longer the hot topic it was in the 1990s, it remains clinically relevant in primary care, particularly in light of the continued significant influx of immigrants to the United States.

To update primary care physicians on recent changes in the epidemiology and diagnosis of *H pylori* infection, the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* convened a roundtable discussion in January 2005 among a panel of physicians representing gastroenterology, primary care, and managed care perspectives.

The session began with overviews of the current clinical relevance of *H pylori* and noninvasive methods of *H pylori* testing, reflected in the two short review articles here that set the stage for the roundtable discussion that follows. The tables and figures throughout this supplement were developed by consensus of the roundtable panel.

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