



Dear Colleagues

Since 2003 we have offered the C14 Urea Breath Test for the presence of active helicobacter pylori in the stomach. The test was developed in house and is now offered as a walk in service.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we recently changed to a commercially available version of the C14 Urea Breath Test. The test is in principle, exactly the same as previous, but the results are expressed differently to conform to the supplier's recommendations and validation requirements.

The results will now be expressed in Disintegrations per minute (DPM) and not as a weight adjusted percentage as previously.

The patient preparation and the hours of operation for our walk in service are unchanged. This information can be found on the CDHA website at <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/diagnostic-imaging/nuclear-medicine>

It continues to be important that the patient is properly prepared and arrives with a properly completed diagnostic imaging requisition.

If you have questions or comments about the process or the reports please feel free to contact us through Nuclear Medicine, Dr. Andrew Ross, Section Head or Mrs. Christina Kelly, Team leader - 902-473-4377

Thank-you

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