

## Contents of Package

- Foil Package (Contains: Test Device and Dropper)
- Vial of Test Solution
- Finger Stick Device (Lancet - CE0197, 93/42/EEC)
- Alcohol Swab

**Self Test Device**  
FOR IN-VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE  
NOT FOR INTERNAL USE

## Materials required but not provided:

- Clock with second hand or timer

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING TEST

### Before You Begin the Test

Store the test at room temperature (15 - 30°C or 59 - 86°F).

Do not use the test after the expiration date printed on the package.

If you have any questions regarding the instructions or your results, please refer to the Question and Answer section on reverse side or call our Technical Service department at 800-854-3002.

### Intended Use

This test can be used to detect *Helicobacter pylori* (H.pylori) antibodies. Studies have shown that the presence of H.pylori antibodies in your blood may be related to gastritis, ulcers, or in some cases, it may indicate the possible presence of stomach cancer.

### Instructions for Use

1. Wash your hands. Tear open foil package by tearing along the slice on the package and remove the Test Device and Dropper.
2. Wipe the finger you intend to stick with the Alcohol Swab; and using the Lancet provided, remove protective cap, and stick your finger as follows:
  - Hold your finger tight; squeeze the blood toward the tip of your finger (Figure 1).
  - Place the red end of the Lancet against your finger and press firmly as shown in Figure 2.
  - Squeeze your finger, making sure you get a large hanging drop of blood (Figure 3).

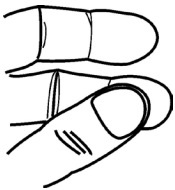


Figure 1

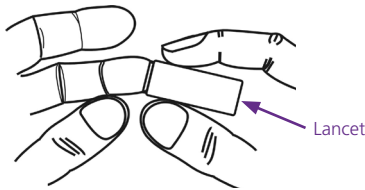


Figure 2

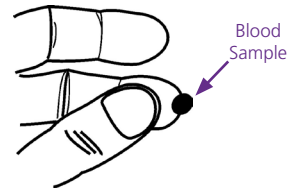


Figure 3

3. Hold the Dropper provided horizontally (flat) and touch the tip of the Dropper to the drop of blood (Figure 4). **Do not squeeze the bulb.** Blood will flow into the Dropper. You will need to squeeze your finger to get additional blood. Fill blood to the line on the Dropper.
4. Place the filled Dropper against the Sample Well (round hole) marked with an "S" on the Test Device (figure 5).
5. Squeeze the top of the Dropper, squeezing the entire blood sample into the Test Device.
6. Wait 90 seconds after adding the blood to the Sample Well.
7. Twist open the cap of the Test Solution vial.
8. Slowly add five (5) drops of Test Solution to the Diluent Well marked with a "D" (Figure 6).



Figure 4

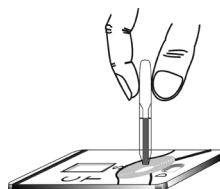


Figure 5



Figure 6

9. Start the timer and read results at exactly 15 minutes.

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10. **How to read your result** – In the Results Window there is a Control Area marked with a "C" and a Test Area marked with a "T".

- **One line appears in the Control Area** - test is negative (Figure 7).
- **Two lines appear, one in the Control Area and one in the Test Area** - test is positive (Figure 8).
- **No lines appear or one line appears in the Test Area** - test is invalid and should be repeated (Figure 9).

**NOTE: The color and the intensity of the lines do not matter. One line may be darker than the other. If the line is visible, the result can be interpreted as described above.**

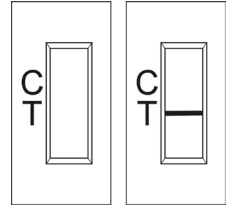
- Do not read the result before or after 15 minutes.
- Contact your physician to discuss your test results.



**Negative Result**  
Figure 7



**Positive Result**  
Figure 8



**Invalid Result**  
Figure 9

## Limitations of the Test

- The FORTEL-HP™ test is a screening test limited to the detection of H.pylori antibodies in whole blood.
- This test is intended for *in vitro* (external) use only.
- Although the test is accurate in detecting H.pylori antibodies, a small number of false results may occur.
- As with all self-testing devices, a definitive diagnosis should not be made on the basis of a single test. The diagnosis should be made by a physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

**Note:** If the test result is positive, see your physician to confirm the results and to possibly obtain treatment. If the test result is negative but you are not feeling well or if you are concerned about your health, see your physician for further testing and diagnosis.

- This test device can only be used once. Discard it after use.
- Do not use after the expiration date on the package.

## Questions and Answers

### What is H.pylori?

Helicobacter pylori (H.pylori) is a bacteria that infects your stomach and may cause gastritis and stomach ulcers.

### How does this test work?

This test detects antibodies produced in your body in response to the H.pylori infection. If the antibodies are present, the test gives a positive result. The test is designed to demonstrate the presence of antibodies to H.pylori bacteria in blood.

### What is the clinical performance of FORTEL-HP™?

Clinical studies for FORTEL-HP™ were performed using 186 samples with confirmed positive or negative results (results were confirmed by ELISA). FORTEL-HP™ showed relative accuracy of 98.2%, relative specificity of 100.0%, and relative sensitivity of 96.2%.

### What do I do if the test indicates a positive result?

This test is meant only as a screen. If you get a positive result, call your doctor and discuss the result.

### How long do I have to wait to read the results?

The test results must be read at 15 minutes after adding the Test Solution. The results are not valid if they are read after 15 minutes.

### What if the lines in the Results Window are not the same color or intensity?

The color or intensity of the lines in the Results Window do not have any significance. If the lines are visible and unbroken then they can be interpreted as explained above.

### What is the purpose of the line in the Control Area?

The line in the Control Area assures you that the test was run correctly. If no line appears in the Control Area then the test is invalid and should be repeated.



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