

H. PYLORI PATIENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS H. PYLORI?

H. PYLORI IS A BACTERIUM THAT IS FOUND ONLY OVERLYING THE GASTRIC EPITHELIUM OF HUMAN STOMACHS.

HOW DID I GET IT?

THE ROUTES OF TRANSMISSION ARE NOT TOTALLY CLEAR BUT THE MOST LIKELY ROUTE IS FROM PERSON TO PERSON.

HOW COMMON IS H. PYLORI IN PATIENTS WITH ULCERS?

IN PATIENTS NOT TAKING ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS OR ASPIRIN, H. PYLORI IS VERY COMMON AS A PROBABLE CAUSE OF PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE.

WHY IS H. PYLORI AN IMPORTANT INFECTION TO TREAT?

IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PROVEN THAT H. PYLORI IS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO GASTRITIS AND ULCERS, AND THAT ERADICATION OF THIS ORGANISM EFFECTIVELY REDUCES ULCER RECURRENCES.

WHAT DOES H. PYLORI TREATMENT INVOLVE?

THE TREATMENT FOR H. PYLORI INVOLVES A COMBINATION OF ANTIBIOTICS AND ANTISECRETORY DRUGS.

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT I COMPLY WITH THE MEDICATIONS I AM GIVEN FOR H. PYLORI?

VERY IMPORTANT! STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT POOR COMPLIANCE LEADS TO POOR ERADICATION OF H. PYLORI. THEREFORE, THE BETTER THE COMPLIANCE, THE MORE LIKELY THE H. PYLORI WILL BE ERADICATED.

WHAT RESULTS CAN I EXPECT FROM ERADICATING H. PYLORI IN MY STOMACH?

IF THE H. PYLORI WAS THE CAUSE FOR YOUR ULCER OR GASTRITIS YOU CAN EXPECT A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN YOUR GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOMS, A REDUCED NEED FOR ANTISECRETORY MEDICATIONS AND REDUCED CHANCE OF RECURRENCE OF ULCERS.

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