

## **A Possible Role of Helicobacter Pylori Infection in the Etiology of Chronic Laryngitis**

**Borkowski G, Sudhoff H, Koslowski F, Hackstedt G, Radies HJ, Luckhaupt H,**  
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The Authors performed endoscopic and histological assessments, in addition to a urease test, for the bacterium in 35 patients with a 3-month or longer history of chronic laryngitis.

The patients had symptoms of dysphonia, vocal fatigue, chronic cough and a chronic rhino sinusitis or reflex symptoms such as heartburn. Fifteen of 35 of the patients revealed positive rapid urease test in antral biopsies, while 6 of (17.1%) 35 of these patients had a positive urease test in laryngeal specimens. All 15 patients were treated with omeprazole and clarithromycin for

7 days. Two non-responders were treated with omeprazole, clarithromycin and metronidazole. There was eradication of the H.Pylori and resolution of clinical signs and symptoms. Thus showing a positive role of H.Pylori infection in the etiology of chronic laryngitis in certain patients.

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