

**2003 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A03-3**

**TITLE: Heliobacter Pylori and Gastric Cancer Prevention**

**SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham**

**WHEREAS** stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related mortality worldwide; and

**WHEREAS** the outcome of treatment for stomach cancer is poor; and

**WHEREAS** H. pylori is associated with some stomach cancers; and

**WHEREAS** the International Agency for Research on Cancer has designated H. pylori as a Class 1 human carcinogen; and

**WHEREAS** H. pylori infects a substantial proportion of Canadians; and

**WHEREAS** H. pylori is commonly acquired in childhood, usually by ten years of age, and will persist life-long unless treated; and

**WHEREAS** H. pylori can be detected by non-invasive tests (i.e., serology and urea breath test); and

**WHEREAS** H. pylori can be effectively eradicated by medical treatment (i.e., triple therapy – two anti-microbial agents with a proton-pump inhibitor);

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and Ontario Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation are urged to fund a demonstration project to evaluate the merits of a high-risk H. pylori screening and treatment;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the federal Minister of Health, President, CIHR and Ontario's Minister of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation are so advised.

*Action from Conference:*

**Moved: L. O'Connor (Durham Region)**

**Seconded: R. Kyle (Durham Region)**

*Carried*