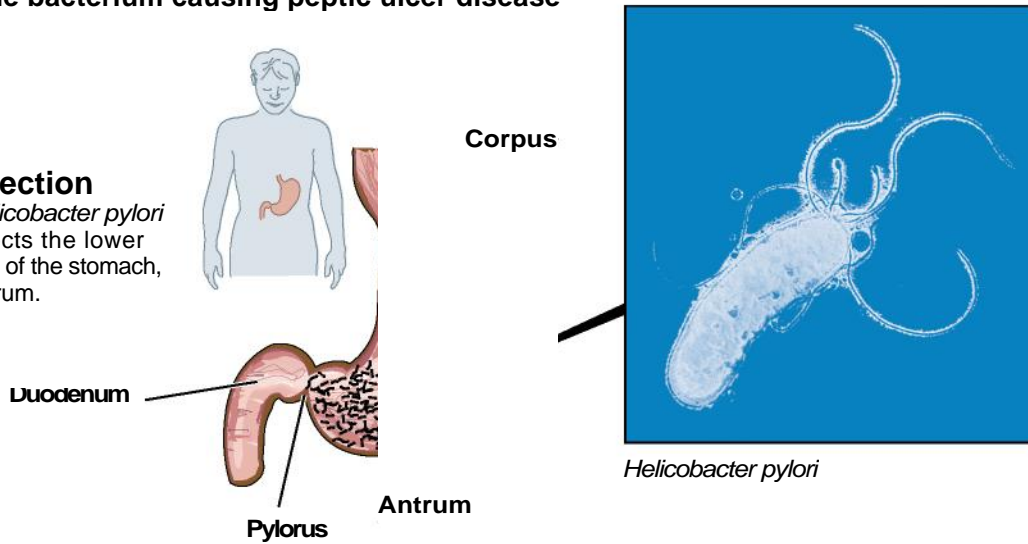


# Helicobacter pylori

— the bacterium causing peptic ulcer disease

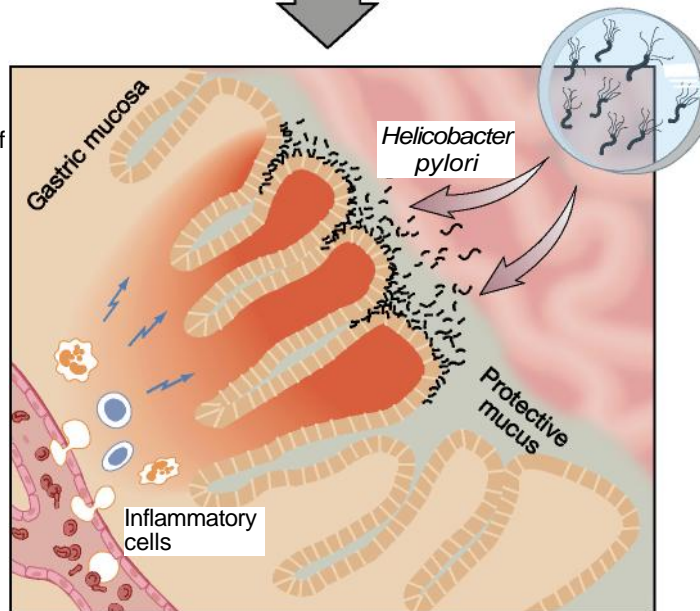
## Infection

*Helicobacter pylori* infects the lower part of the stomach, antrum.



## Inflammation

*Helicobacter pylori* causes inflammation of the gastric mucosa (gastritis). This is often asymptomatic.



## Ulcer

Gastric inflammation may lead to duodenal or gastric ulcer. Severe complications include bleeding ulcer and perforated ulcer.

