



Detection of MRSA Resistance Genes Laboratory Submission Information Sheet	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: <i>MRSA</i> is a Notifiable Condition. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	No
Required Information:	Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. Specimen must be labeled with patient name. IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION Requisition form available at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/health-and-environmental-testing/micro/documents/clinical-test-requisition-front.pdf
Specimen Requirements:	Bacterial isolate Submit a fresh isolate on slant or plate or broth Mixed cultures cannot be identified
Collection Instructions:	DO NOT Submit clinical material
Specimen Handling and Transport:	For shipping purposes, clinical specimens are category B
Turn Around Time:	24-48hrs
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers will not be tested. Mixed cultures will not be tested.
Results Include(Culture)	N/A
Results Include(PCR)	Identification results include those obtained standard PCR and electrophoresis methodologies. The following gene families are analyzed and will be reported as either detected or not detected; <i>mecA</i> , <i>mecC</i> A Research Use Only Disclaimer will be included in all results generated that utilize MRSA PCR
Results:	All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	Submitters who request PCR for MRSA genetic testing will be charged a \$120.00 fee.
Applicable CPT Codes:	87798 X3 (tests for 3 genes)
MeCDC Epidemiologists only	N/A
Additional Information:	For MRSA genetic testing PCR specific questions contact Maine HETL Molecular Biology at 207-287-5769