



<b>Hepatitis C - Serum</b> <b>Laboratory Submission Information Sheet</b>	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: Hepatitis C is a Notifiable Condition.
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen:	Clinical laboratories are NOT required to submit specimens.
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. <b>IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION</b> Requisition form: <a href="#">PDF</a>
Specimen Requirements:	Serum (including serum collected in serum separator tubes) or plasma collected in EDTA, heparin, citrate and CPDA-1
Collection Instructions:	The correct ratio of anticoagulant quantity to specimen volume as recommended by manufacturer of anticoagulant is required. Remove serum or plasma from the clot or red cells as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. When possible, clear, nonhemolyzed specimens should be used. Specimens containing precipitate may give inconsistent results. Such specimens should be clarified prior to testing. <b>Do not use heat-inactivated specimens.</b>
Specimen Handling and Transport:	Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping. Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. For faster turn around time to obtain results, consider hand delivery to HETL. Use cold packs to maintain 2-8°C during delivery. For shipping purposes, clinical specimens are category B
Turn Around Time:	Results are available within 72 hours after arrival.
<i>MeCDC Epidemiologists only</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include:	
Results:	All results will be reported only to <b>submitter</b> as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	With prior authorization from Maine CDC epidemiologist, specimens submitted during a possible outbreak will be tested at no cost to the submitter, or patient. \$20.00
Applicable CPT Codes:	86703 (Serology)
Additional Information:	For HIV specific questions contact Maine HETL - <b>Virology at 207-287-1722</b>