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<b>HIV Combo Viral Antigen/Antibody ( HIV-1[groups O and M], HIV-2 antibodies and p24 antigen) – Serum</b>	
<b>Laboratory Submission Information Sheet</b>	
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC:	Yes: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) 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: <b>1-800-821-5821</b> (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
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 or plasma specimens may be used in the test. The following tube types and anticoagulants, including those in both glass and plastic tubes, may be used: serum tubes, serum separator tubes (SSTs) with and without activator, potassium EDTA, sodium citrate, sodium and lithium heparin, and plasma separator tubes (PSTs).
Collection Instructions:	Specimens with observable particulate matter should be clarified by centrifugation prior to testing. Suspended fibrin particles or aggregates may yield falsely positive results. Extensive hemolysis may affect test performance. <b>Do not use heat-inactivated specimens.</b>
Specimen Handling and Transport:	<b>Samples may be stored for no longer than 2 days at room temperature or 7 days at 2-8°C, including the time that samples are in transit.</b> Minimize room temperature storage of samples to the shortest time possible in order to preserve maximum p24 antigen reactivity. For <b>long-term storage</b> , the specimens should be removed from the clot, red blood cells, or separator gel and should be <b>frozen at -20°C or colder</b> . Samples should not be used if they have incurred more than 4 freeze/thaw cycles. For shipping purposes, clinical specimens are category B
Turn Around Time:	Results are available within 8-72 hours after arrival.
<i>Special notes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The performance of this assay has not been established for individuals younger than 2 years of age.</li> <li>A negative test result at any point in the investigation of individual subjects does not preclude the possibility of exposure to or infection with HIV-1 and/or HIV-2</li> <li>Commercial Test Information: BIO-RAD GS HIV Combo Ag/Ab EIA</li> </ul>
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include:	HIV – Not Detected or Detected
Results:	All results will be reported only to <b>submitter</b> as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee:	\$22.00
Applicable CPT Codes:	87389
Additional Information:	For HIV specific questions contact Maine HETL - <b>Virology at 207-287-1722</b>