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HIV Combo Viral Antigen/Antibody (HIV-1,2 and O) - Serum Laboratory Submission Information Sheet	
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: 1-800-821-5821 (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. IMPORTANT: ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED WITH PATIENT NAME AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN HETL REQUISITION Requisition form: PDF
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. Do not use heat-inactivated specimens.
Specimen Handling and Transport:	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. Minimize room temperature storage of samples to the shortest time possible in order to preserve maximum p24 antigen reactivity. For long-term storage , the specimens should be removed from the clot, red blood cells, or separator gel and should be frozen at -20°C or colder . 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 72 hours after arrival. An additional four days is necessary if a positive result is confirmed by Western Blot.
Special notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The performance of this assay has not been established for individuals younger than 2 years of age. 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 Commercial Test Information: BIO-RAD GS HIV Combo Ag/Ab EIA
Unacceptable Conditions:	Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking containers will not be tested.
Results Include:	HIV – Not Detected or Detected (Western Blot Test to follow)
Results:	All results will be reported only to submitter 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 - Virology at 207-287-1722