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Detection of Hepatitis C – Serum by Serology *Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: Hepatitis C 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.• Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serum (prefer serum collected in serum separator tube and centrifuged)• When possible, clear, nonhemolyzed specimens should be used.• Specimens containing precipitate may give inconsistent results.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use SST when possible, otherwise• Remove serum from the clot or red cells as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis.• Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping.• Specimens may be shipped on frozen ice packs or at ambient temperature.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results are generally available within 2-5 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.• Heat-inactivated specimens.• Specimens received in leaking or broken tubes
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hepatitis C IgG Detected Or Not Detected• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$22
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 86703 (Serology)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704• Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706