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## Neisseria meningitidis – Culture and Isolates

### Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes: Neisseria meningitidis 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.)</li></ul>
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li></ul>
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on requisition must include: suspected organism if known or required, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li><li>• <b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF)</li><li>• Blood</li><li>• Synovial fluid</li><li>• Isolates</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect specimens soon after onset of illness and preferably before start of treatment.</li><li>• CSF: avoid contamination with blood, collect a minimum of 0.5ml, store and ship cold</li><li>• Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media, and can be shipped at ambient temperature</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Results are generally available within 24-48 hrs of specimen receipt.</li></ul>
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.</li><li>• Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers.</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neisseria meningitidis, group “...” isolated</li><li>• No Neisseria meningitidis found</li><li>• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fee Waived</li></ul>
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 87077 (culture)</li><li>• 87147 X9 (grouping)</li></ul>
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704</li><li>• Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722</li><li>• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769</li><li>• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706</li></ul>