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Detection of Campylobacter by Culture

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: Campylobacter 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• HETL requests isolates or suspect isolates for both speciation and DNA fingerprinting to assist in epidemiological investigations
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.• Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stool: Collect feces in a leak-proof container soon after onset of illness and preferably before start of treatment.• Isolates: Clinical isolates may be submitted to HETL for speciation.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stool can be submitted in Cary Blair liquid media in a leak-proof container.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical isolates have a 18-36 hour turn-around-time.• Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend turn-around-time by 72 hours.• PFGE is 5-6 business days
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid contamination with urine, soap etc. Do not refrigerate. Raw stools not received within 2 hours of collection
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report will include identification.• All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture: \$50.00 PCR: \$110.00 CPT Code: 87077 (culture), IF PCR used for species determination add: 83891,83900,83894
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704, Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, and Serology at 207-287-1722• Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769• Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706• CT/GC at 207-287-6244