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Detection of Carbapenem Resistance by mCIM Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	•Yes: 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.). CRE is also known as carbapenem resistant organism, carbapenemase producing organism.
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	• Isolate submission is required for all carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant organisms. If phenotypic or resistance mechanism test results are not available for a carbapenem-resistant organism, then isolate submission of the carbapenem-resistant organism is required to determine carbapenemase-producing status.
Required Information	 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. Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	 Submit a fresh Bacterial isolate on slant/plate or broth Submit all antibiotic susceptibility data.
Collection Instructions	 DO NOT submit clinical material Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media. For Shipping, Handling, and Transport: specimens are category B Ship samples at ambient temperature
Turn Around Time	•Results are generally available within 3 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	 Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers. Mixed cultures.
Results	 mCIM positive, negative, or indeterminate. Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition.
Laboratory Testing Fee	•Fee Waived
Applicable CPT Codes	• 87184 (disc method)
Additional Information	 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