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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: 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"> • Serum (including serum collected in serum separator tubes) or plasma collected in EDTA, heparin, citrate and CPDA-1 • When possible, clear, nonhemolyzed specimens should be used. Specimens containing precipitate may give inconsistent results. Such specimens should be clarified prior to testing
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correct ratio of anticoagulant quantity to specimen volume as recommended by manufacturer of anticoagulant is required. Remove serum or plasma from the clot or red cells as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. • Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results should be expected within 72hrs from 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. • Do not use heat-inactivated specimens.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis Detected Or Hepatitis not Detected • “EIA Results may reflect a false positive” • “More specific testing for Hepatitis C diagnosis is recommended” • 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"> • \$22 (Fee waived if testing/identification is part of an outbreak investigation by Maine CDC)
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, 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