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Detection of Unknown Miscellaneous Bacteria by Culture
Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	•NA
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	•NA
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	•Multiple sources are acceptable including: urine, blood, stool, CSF •Isolates
Collection Instructions	•Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media •Ship samples at ambient temperature
Turn Around Time	•Results are generally available within 48 hrs of specimen receipt. •Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend turn-around-time by 72 hours
Unacceptable Conditions	•Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. •Specimens in poorly labeled/unlabeled or leaking containers.
Results	•Report will include species identification •Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	•\$50
Applicable CPT Codes	•87040 (culture from blood) •87046 (culture from stool) •87088 (culture from urine) •87070 (all other sources)
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